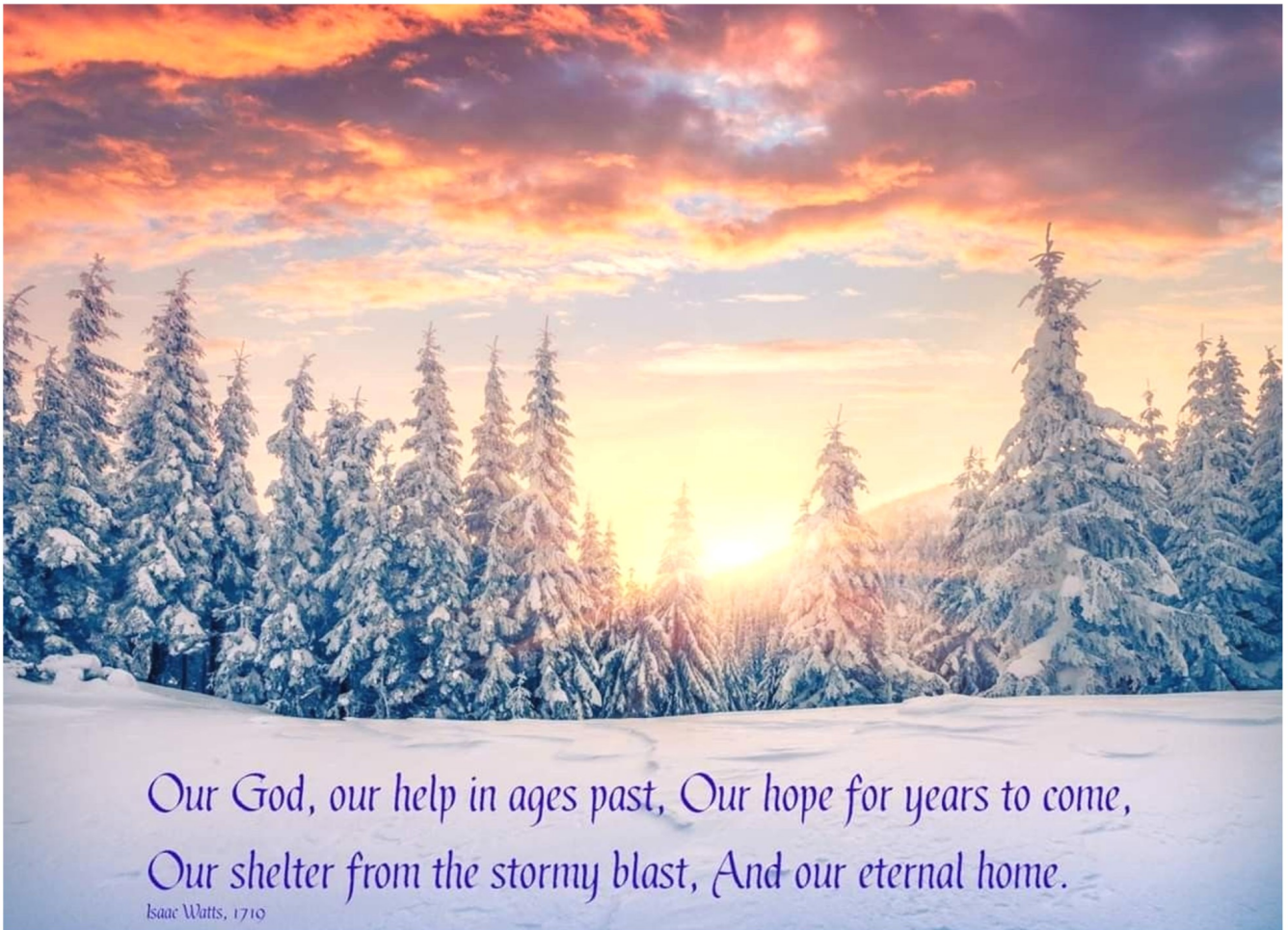




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## **NEWSLETTER for January 2023**



# St. Philip Lutheran Church

## **Our Staff:**

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Kimberly Davis, 2s  
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Kime Slaughter, 4s  
Rachel Ryan, Teachers Aid  
Betsy Gaynor, Substitute Teacher

## **Worship Times:**

In-Person Worship Schedule:  
Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
LIVE-stream Worship:  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Facebook

## **Contact Information:**

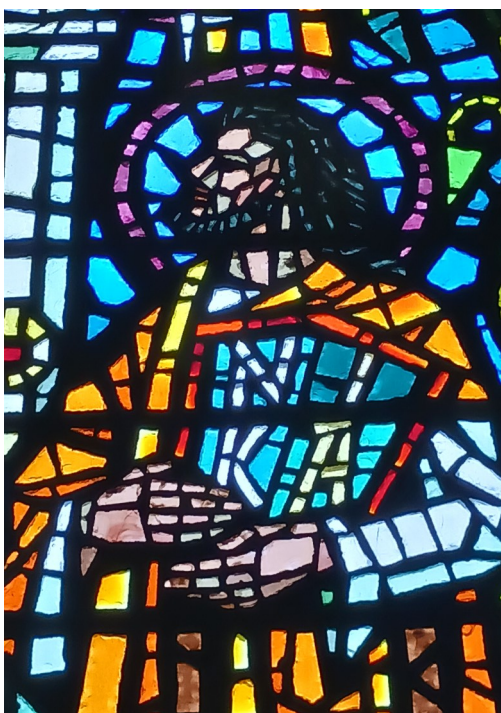
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## **St. Philip Preschool:**

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday  
\*Before Care, 8:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Phone: 843-449-4322  
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## **Our Church Council:**

Dave Witmer, President; Susan McClelland, Vice-President; Lauren Zuschlag, Secretary;  
Linda Albert, Treasurer; Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel, Glenn Stef, Ronda Anderson, and Shauna Shea.



***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.

## Church Office Notes

If you have not picked up your 2023 offering envelopes, please stop by the church during office hours to pick them up, or remember to get them after the worship service that you attend.

End of the year statements will be available mid-January. They will be placed on the information table and the Church Office will email the congregation to let them know when they are ready.

As always, please remember to fill out your name and date on the Attendance Insert that is in the weekly Sunday bulletins. There is no need to fill in other information unless you have a prayer request or updated contact or phone information.

*It's that time of the year!* The annual reports are due by the end of January from all church/preschool staff, finance, Church Council, committees, and ongoing ministries. Please make sure to email your information covering the year 2022 to the Church Office no later than January 23. *Thank you!*



St. Philip recently received a deposit from Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of **\$30**. Thank you to those who designate their Choice Dollars to St. Philip! For more information on how you can become a Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars member, contact them directly at 1-800-847-4836.

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## St. Philip Lutheran Church

Time Period: January-November, 2022	Church General Fund	Preschool	Benevolence	Combined Total
General Fund Offerings, (Regular, Tithe.ly, On-line)	215,549			215,549
Qualified Charitable Distributions given for General Fund	29,096			29,096
Other Receipts, January-November 2022	3,564	87,335	15,684	106,583
Total Church Operating Income, Preschool, & Benevolence	248,209	87,335	15,684	351,229
Expenses & Disbursements, January-November 2022 (Actual)	259,666	76,873	15,029	351,568
Net Operating Income or (Loss)	(11,456)	10,462	655	(339)
Preschool Grant for Kid's Gardening		500		
DSS Grant for Preschool		26,000		
Net Income		36,962		

\*Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday, Jan-Nov 2022 (48 Sundays)  
(This weekly average includes Offerings & QCD gifts.)

Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday, Jan.-Dec. 2021 (52 Sundays)

\*Average offerings do not include Benevolence.

5,097

4,663

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Albert, Treasurer



# St. Philip Lutheran Church

## Benevolence Gifts Received in January and February 2022

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	LWR	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Other	Total Received
Benevolence Offering	207.12	207.12	207.12	207.12			828.48
Souper Bowl of Caring	2,383.40						2,383.40
Designated Gifts	10.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	45.00		120.00
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>2,600.52</b>	<b>232.12</b>	<b>227.12</b>	<b>227.12</b>	<b>45.00</b>		<b>3,331.88</b>

## Benevolence Gifts Received in March and April 2022

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	LWR	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Lutheran Disaster Response Ukraine	Total Received
Benevolence Offering	216.25	216.25	216.25	216.25			865.00
Designated Gifts	230.00	30.00	45.00	30.00	110.00	705.00	1,150.00
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>446.25</b>	<b>246.25</b>	<b>261.25</b>	<b>246.25</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>705.00</b>	<b>2,015.00</b>

## Benevolence Gifts Received in May and June 2022

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	LWR	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Other	Total Received
Benevolence Offering	198.75	198.75	198.75	198.75			795.00
Designated Gifts	255.00	462.70	520.00	20.00	150.00		1,407.70
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>453.75</b>	<b>661.45</b>	<b>718.75</b>	<b>218.75</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,202.70</b>

## Benevolence Gifts Received in July and August 2022

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	LWR	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Christmas in July*	Total Received
Benevolence Offering	235.00	235.00	235.00	235.00			940.00
Designated Gifts	320.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	199.39	3,825.00	4,424.39
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>555.00</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>255.00</b>	<b>255.00</b>	<b>199.39</b>	<b>3,825.00</b>	<b>5,364.39</b>

\*Waccamaw Youth Center, Churches Assisting People, Lutheran Services Carolinas--Horry Co: Each received a check for \$1,275

## Benevolence Gifts Received in September and October 2022

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	LWR	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Tanzania	Total Received
Benevolence Offering	407.62	407.62	407.62	407.62			1,630.49
Designated Gifts	220.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	120.00	85.00	485.00
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>627.62</b>	<b>427.62</b>	<b>427.62</b>	<b>427.62</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>2,115.49</b>

## Benevolence Gifts Received in November 2022

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	LWR	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Other	Total Received
Benevolence Offering	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50			250.00
Designated Gifts	210.00	110.00	50.00	10.00	25.00	-	405.00
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>272.50</b>	<b>172.50</b>	<b>112.50</b>	<b>72.50</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655.00</b>

**Totals Through November**    4,955.64    2,014.94    2,002.24    1,447.24    649.39    4,615.00    \$ 15,684.46



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

December 13, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the St. Philip Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, via combination in-person and Zoom meeting.

### **Organizational Meeting to Elect Officers**

Pastor Jason made a motion seconded by Glenn Stef to accept the following slate of congregational council officers for the year. Motion passed unanimously.

- ⇒ President: Dave Witmer
- ⇒ Vice President: Susan McClelland
- ⇒ Treasurer: Linda Albert
- ⇒ Secretary: Lauren Zuschlag

Linda Albert made a motion seconded by Lauren Zuschlag to adjourn the organizational meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Call to Order- Council Meeting**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Council President, Dave Whitmer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Jackie Orcutt to approve the Council Minutes dated November, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Lauren Zuschlag and seconded by Shauna Shea to approve the annual congregational meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Finance Reports:**

The Financial Reports were presented by Linda Albert for information purposes only and were accepted as presented.

### **Committee Reports:**

Mission and Outreach Committee Minutes dated November 11, 2022.

Fellowship Committee Minutes dated November 7 and December 5, 2022.

### **Staff Reports:**

- ⇒ Pastors Report submitted by Pastor Jason.
- ⇒ Preschool Report submitted by Jenn Loeswick.
- ⇒ Music and Worship submitted by Arthur Ghere.

### **Items for Discussion/Approval:**

Capital Campaign Budget: Pastor Jason reviewed the capital campaign budget, which totals \$11,800. Discussion was had surrounding how we best proceed with sourcing funding for the capital campaign and the first payment of architectural fees.

A motion was made by Dave Whitmer and seconded by Glenn Stef that we use council designated cash to pay for the architectural fees and cover the cost of the capital campaign budget, while in 2023, \$30,000 will be transferred from the Long-Range Planning Fund to recoup money that was expended and replenish the account. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Dismissal**

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Shauna Shea to adjourn meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

***Submitted by Lauren Zuschlag, Council Secretary***

## JANUARY Worship Schedule

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

1/1 (10:00) Martha Sosebee  
1/8 (8:30) Joe Baxter; (10:30) Millie Wolf  
1/15 (8:30) James McIlrath; (10:30) Angie Morris  
1/22 (8:30) Martha Sosebee; (10:30) John Iredell  
1/19 (8:30) Linda Albert; (10:30) Dana Lee

### LECTORS

1/1 (10:00) Barb Poloni  
1/8 (8:30) Bob Taggart; (10:30) Dana Lee  
1/15 (8:30) James McIlrath; (10:30) John Iredell  
1/22 (8:30) Terry Harter; (10:30) Maureen Ciarlo  
1/29 (8:30) Martha Sosebee; (10:30) Wendy Seidel

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH - 10:30 service

1/1 *No Children's church today*  
1/8 Redding Soderberg  
1/15 Jessica Lowe  
1/22 Dana Lee  
1/29 Beth Fife

### USHERS

1/1 (10:00) Don Letourneau  
1/8 (8:30) Teddy Janosick (10:30) Steve Wiker  
1/15 (8:30) Linda Baist; (10:30) Dave Witmer  
1/22 (8:30) Linda Prochaska; (10:30) Jack Ledford  
1/29 (8:30) Shanna Cisson; (10:30) Dave Ramsey

*\*Installation Sunday, January 22 for new Acolytes*

### ACOLYTE - 10:30 service

1/1 (10:00) Jonah Lee  
1/8 James Barth  
1/15 Lexi Church  
1/22 Jonah Lee  
1/29 Hudson Barth

### CRUCIFER - 10:30 service

1/1 (10:00) Anna Lee  
1/8 Riley Hayward  
1/15 Lexi Church  
1/22 Anna Lee  
1/29 Hampton Soderberg

### BOOK BEARER - 10:30 service

1/1 (10:00) Jonah Lee  
1/8 James Barth  
1/15 Madilyn Church  
1/22 Jonah Lee  
1/29 Hudson Barth

### BANNER

1/8 Gabby Collins  
1/15 Silas Barth  
1/22 Ray Shea



### CAMERA OPERATOR - 10:30 service

1/1 (10:00) John Iredell  
1/8 Lauren Zuschlag  
1/15 Joe Baxter  
1/22 Lauren Zuschlag  
1/29 Jim Seidel

### TELLERS

1/1 (10:00) Marty and Barb Poloni  
1/8 Marty and Barb Poloni  
1/15 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington  
1/22 Odella Madeja and Dianne Siee  
1/29 Marty and Barb Poloni

### ALTAR GUILD - *\*Saturday dates listed*

1/7 Audrey McVean and Dianne Siee  
1/14 Dave & Sharon Ramsey  
1/21 Elsie Angus and Marianne Tetreault  
1/28 Shanna Cisson and Kathy Buckley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship and live streaming 10am; no other morning activities  NA 6pm	2	3 Cub Scouts 6pm	4 <b>Red Cross Bloodmobile 10am-2pm</b>  Handbells 615pm  Adult choir 7pm	5 Esther Circle 10am  NA 8pm	6 NA 8pm	7 NA 8pm
8 Worship 830 & 1030; live stream 1030 Kids music 935 Adult choir 10am Kids Bible study 10am Sons of Norway 1-4pm NA 6pm	9 Fellowship Committee 1030am  Ruth Circle 630pm	10 Church Council 6pm	11 Handbells 615pm  Adult choir 7pm	12 NA 8pm	13 NA 8pm	14 <b>Men's Breakfast 830am</b>  NA 8pm
15 Worship 830 & 1030; live stream 1030 Kids music 935 Adult choir 10am Kids Bible study 10am <b>Meet &amp; Greet after each service</b>  NA 6pm	16 Lunch Bunch @ Fiesta Mexicana, 1230pm	17 Mission & Outreach 530pm  Cub Scouts 6pm	18 Handbells 615pm  Adult choir 7pm	19 NA 8pm	20 NA 8pm	21 NA 8pm
22 Worship 830 & 1030; live stream 1030 Kids music 935 Adult choir 10am Kids Bible study 10am <b>Installation Sunday for new Acolytes</b>  NA 6pm	23	24	25 Handbells 615pm  Adult choir 7pm	26 NA 8pm	27 NA 8pm	28 <b>Feeding the Homeless</b>  NA 8pm
29 Worship 830 & 1030; live stream 1030 Kids music 935 Adult choir 10am Kids Bible study 10am  NA 6pm	30	31	 <h1>JANUARY 2023</h1> <h1>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</h1>			



## St. Philip FAITH STORIES



### Swept-Up - Roz Hanlon

Raising a family in a Jewish home has a lot of traditions to follow – separate dishes for different celebrations, walking to places, and no outside activities on the Sabbath – to name a few. It can seem quite strict and difficult to keep up with. That's how Roselyn (Roz) Hanlon felt in 1995 when she and her daughter, Shelby, moved to Myrtle Beach from Media, PA, and they started attending the local Chabad Synagogue. Roz was raised in the Jewish faith, but she did not have a role model to call on. She did know that following the Jewish law and practices was not going to work for her at that time in her life.

Roz married Tommy on January 1, 1996. He introduced Roz to the church he was attending, St. Philip Lutheran. "My daughter Shelby and I were immediately swept-up and put to ease by the Pastor," Roz shared. Soon they were both baptized. The whole family immersed themselves in the church - Tommy as the choir director, Roz taught children the Old Testament, and Shelby joined the Girl Scout troop who met at the church. Roz started working with the youth group and the leaders, and she volunteered with the VBS programs. "The church is the people," Roz said. Jackie Orcutt meant a lot to Roz. She met Jackie while standing in line at a school function and started talking to her about St. Philip. Jackie and her family soon joined the church and Roz was Jackie's sponsor. Roz said, "with everything Jackie's been through, she never lost her faith." Without saying it, Jackie has been a role model for Roz.

Roz has met a lot of people through the church, and some have been a big influence in her Christian life. She is grateful for the way she and Shelby were put at ease and how it has remained a place of faith she supports with joy and can call home.

### Structure - Terry Harter

Terry Harter grew up in Lutheran churches all over the world. While most of those churches were in New York, Terry's faith was fed in places like Germany, the UK, and Australia. All through life, in the ups and downs, faith gave him structure. "Faith guided me," Terry says.

When he moved to Myrtle Beach, Terry tried several churches - even non-Lutheran denominations. "I was looking for something that felt like home," he shared. But the other churches didn't quite give him that feeling. Something was missing.

Terry's first worship experience at St. Philip Lutheran Church was on Christmas Eve of 2021. "And at St. Philip, it was like coming home," Terry said.. "The liturgy, the service itself, the whole package." Even beyond worship, Terry feels he can live out his life-long faith through the variety of ministries St. Philip offers. "I have the opportunity to make a difference," Terry says. "I love that. It's very important to me."

Now, Terry is involved in many ministries that make a difference in our local community in tangible ways. He has given to Christmas in July, brought in school supplies, and regularly contributes to St. Philip's monthly meals for the homeless. "If I'm going to give, I want it to have meaning. I like to help the community we're in; that's part of the mission."

Terry attends St. Philip because it is a home that nourishes his faith in multiple ways. At St. Philip, Terry found - through quality worship services, through tangible ways to serve, and offering many levels multiple ways to live out one's his faith - across the world, and right here at home.



## Welcome to our family of faith!

We welcomed our newest members to the St. Philip on December 11.

Barbara Miller



Patrick Wilson & Tom Rodriguez



Bill & Nancy Houston



Buck & Valerie Barba



Gary & Lucille Moore



Hans & Rosaleen Bierwagen



Ed & Brenda Sheffer



Daniel Rojas





#### 4 Letter Words

BELL  
SNOW

#### 5 Letter Words

ANGEL  
COCOA  
ELVES  
HOLLY

#### 6 Letter Words

LIGHTS  
SLEIGH  
TINSEL  
WINTER  
WREATH

#### 7 Letter Words

CHIMNEY  
GARLAND  
PAGEANT  
RUDOLPH  
SNOWMAN

#### 8 Letter Words

CAROLING  
DECEMBER  
EXCHANGE  
ORNAMENT  
PRESENTS  
REINDEER  
WRAPPING

#### 9 Letter Words

CHESTNUTS  
CHRISTMAS  
EVERGREEN  
FRUITCAKE  
MISTLETOE  
NORTH POLE

#### 10 Letter Words

POINSETTIA  
SANTA CLAUS

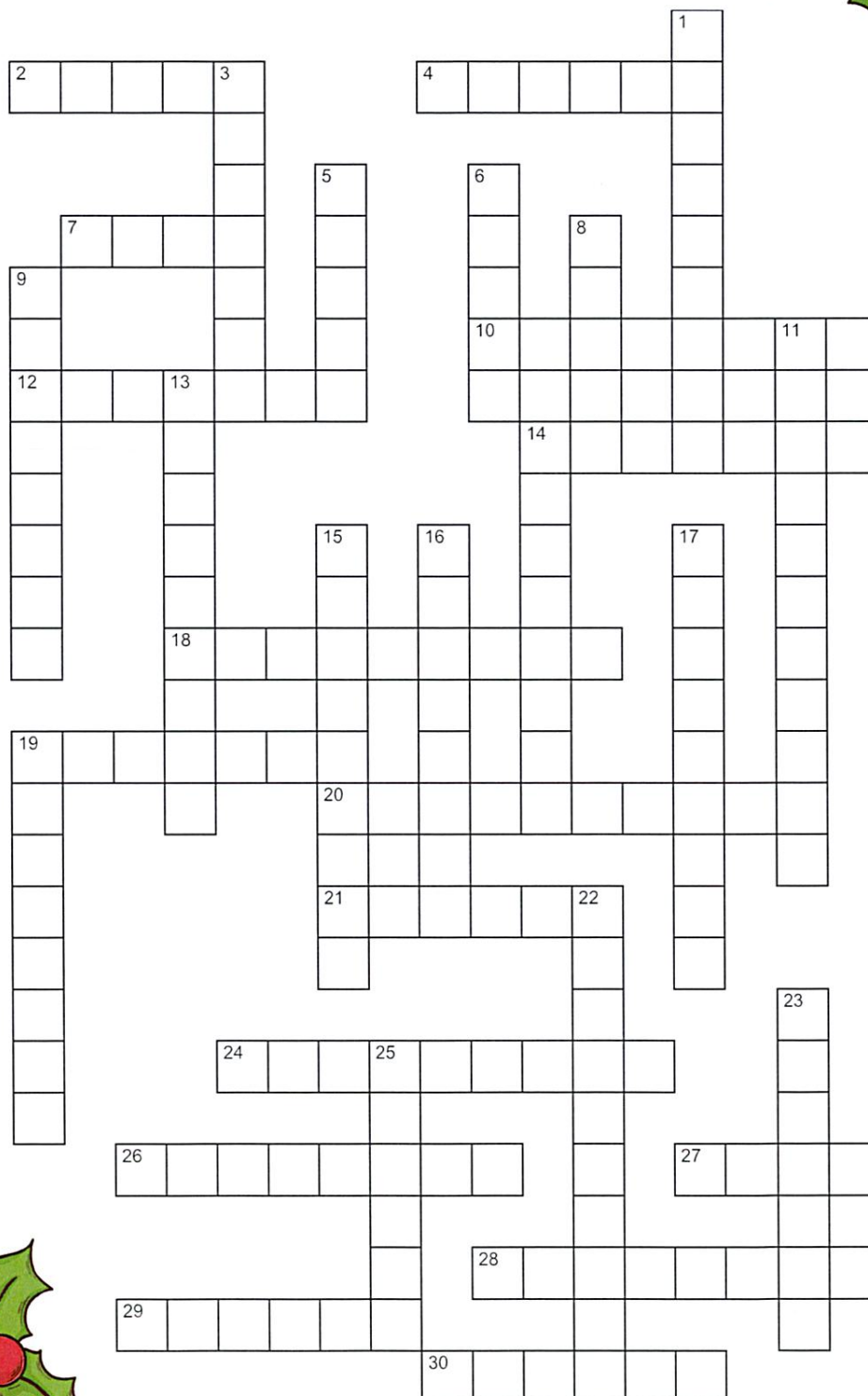
#### 11 Letter Word

GINGERBREAD

# Christmas Joy



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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayers for those in the hospital 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 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: *Carol Renne, Barbara Miller, Chris Burton, Patsy Moose, Paulette Miller, Hans Duerr, Karen McIlrath, Marty Poloni, Don Williams, Barbara Stemler, and Maxine Robinson.*

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

Abi Brown - *Danny Brown, Judy, Maddy, Amelia Brown*

AJ & Regine Perez - *Hannah Tobias (granddaughter)*

April Dean - *Jerry Frantiero*

Audrey McVean - *Lora Dugard (mother)*

Beth Fife - *Robin Reynolds*

Beth Neubauer - *Judith Worsley*

Bill & Dee Storm - *Rue Ann Tracy*

Bob & Betti Taggart - *Helen G., Marie P., Becky M., Dan B., Pat H., Alicia O.*

Carol Washington - *Judy & Calvin Rauch*

Chuck & Donna Krohn - *Bill Sullivan*

David & Sherri Crawford - *Marilyn Davenport*

Dave & Lottie Witmer - *Donna Cassaba, Donald Krsacok*

Dave & Sharon Ramsey - *Joan Hughes, Vivian Ramsey-Boswell*

Diane Bowker - *Tom Bowker (brother)*

Don & Bonnie Letourneau - *Darrell Richards (brain cancer)*

Elaine Lucatuorto - *Bob and Debbie Hille*

Ellen Yates - *Linnea Lotts*

Frank & April Troglauer - *Bob Lockhart (April's grandfather)*

Gail Kane - *Mike Lynn, Sherry Lynn*

Gary & Lucille Moore - *Candy (twin sister)*

George & Anne Fischer - *Jayne and Morgan DePaulo (living donor liver transplant)*

Hank & Pat Moody - *Pr. Pam Cook*

Henry & Rita Lewis - *Garry Ross, Francine Nelson*

James & Joyce DeNoon - *Curtis Salyer*

Jim & Connie Lafferty - *John Ford, Mike & Janet Schriver*

Jeff & Cynthia Church - *Henry Church, Deanna & Ed Schwartz*

Joan DiLorenzo - *Walt Boyer (son), Betty Gardner and Carol Renne (sisters)*

Joe Baxter - *Paula, Grace Nappi, Chuck H., Richard G., Wayne Massi, Earl W.*

James McIlrath - *Donald McIlrath, Romaine McIlrath*

Jonah Lee - *Mallory and Camden Wiker*

Kip & Ronda Anderson - *Sarah Shrader, Earl Springer, Debbie Konecheck, Becky Lohr, Allan Billman, Chet Helms, Buddy Dinterman, Rae Jean Dinterman, Terry Gearhart*

Lauren Zuschlag - *Linda Oman (mother)*

Marilyn Brugler - *George & Tracey*

Marianne Tetreault - *Kenny Muller*

Marjorie Allen - *Cristina Gomez*

Martha Sosebee - *Joel McDowell*

Marty & Barb Poloni - *Rob & Deb McC., Harlin & Kris K., Dorinda Mitchell (niece), Tommy Cook*

Mike & Diane Ballard - *Robert Lockhart (Diane's father)*

Millie Wolf - *the Carlson family*

Patsy Moose - *Ginger Williams, Vickie Gordon (cancer)*

Robin & Rick Heuer - *Family, Rosenbergs, Ann, Mary*

Roz Hanlon - *Pat Yeatts (cancer), Jennifer Phebus (hip surgery)*

Skip Barth - *Mother Superior Stella, Ann Schley*

Susan & Kinter McClelland - *Claire Stratton, Linda Miller*

Teddy Janosick - *Matteo Escobar*

Walter Wright, Jr - *Carmel Wright*



### **Romans Bible study continues, Sundays at 9:35 a.m.**

Adults are welcome to join us for our Bible Study on the book of Romans each Sunday morning in the Conference Room. The class is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways using a helpful study guide, "Romans for Everyone" by NT Wright.

Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information all will guide our group more deeply into God's Word.

### **~ THANK YOU ~**

Dear STP,

Thank you for your check donation of \$427.62 in November. Your contribution is vital to our success. Your support allows us to continually serve the homebound, elderly, and terminally ill residents in Horry County.

***In Christ, Michael Tyler, CEO for Meals On Wheels of Horry County***

Dear St. Philip Lutheran Church,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation of 181 pounds of assorted food received in November. We are extremely grateful for your generosity! Each and every dollar or item received allows us to assist those in need. Thank you again. Together we are making a positive difference in our community!

***Tracy, Cynthia, Cindy, Deb, and Don, Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach***

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,424.05 to the Building+Renewing+Believing capital campaign for SC Lutheran Retreat Centers, as we provide holy spaces for God to change lives! You are helping to make dreams come true as together we envision more opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and experience radical hospitality at Camp Kinard.

***With deep gratitude, Deacon Dallas J. Shealy, Executive Director, SC Lutheran Retreat Centers***

### **Happy Birthday!**

1/2 Adam Chamberlain  
1/4 Gene Rutherford  
1/7 Jessica Lowe  
1/8 Robin Heuer  
1/9 Anne Iredell  
1/10 Ellen Hayward  
1/15 Elsie Angus

1/18 Diane Ballard  
1/18 Hudson Barth  
1/18 Barbara Stemler  
1/22 Doretha Duncan  
1/24 Jim Eubanks  
1/27 Wendy Seidel  
1/31 Daniel Barth

### **Happy Anniversary!**

1/1 Jim & April Dean  
1/1 Tom & Roz Hanlon  
1/5 Dave & Donna Huddle  
1/13 Joe & Paula Baxter  
1/16 Garth Heilman & Carleen Melendez

### **Altar Flowers 2023**

With supply and demand such as it is, the cost of the altar flowers in the coming year will be \$50 per vase. Please know that if you want to sponsor flowers, you do not need to sponsor both vases. The Jade plants are placed on the altar the Sundays that flowers are not ordered and the Sundays we have only one vase of flowers. Your payment for the vase or vases of flowers you sponsor is due to the church the week you sign up for. Checks should be made out to St. Philip with "altar flowers" in the memo and can be included in your offering envelope or mailed to the church. And please remember when you sign up for altar flowers to include the occasion, and if you want to keep (K) or donate (D) your flowers.



## Fellowship Committee - Inara Keelin, Committee Chair

Fellowship Committee wish you all a blessed healthy, happy 2023! We will have our next Meet & Greet on Sunday, January 15, following each worship services. Join us for fellowship and conversation while enjoying coffee and a sweet treat. Below are a few pictures from our most recent Meet & Greet.

Our next Fellowship meeting will be Monday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping us serve our church family, please come join us. Contact Inara Keelin, 843-602-8770.





## Mission and Outreach

Lunch Bunch enjoyed a meal and a time of fellowship at the Pine Lakes Country Club in December (pictured). We will meet for lunch on January 16, at **Fiesta Mexicana**, 410 70th Ave. North in Myrtle Beach. Reservations have been made for **20** people (reserved seating depends on the restaurant accommodations). Sign up at church or call the church office to have your name added to the list.

Thanks to those who helped deliver Mobile Meals in December: Philip & Robin Wolfe from St. Philip, along with George Welles and Rick Stall from The Episcopal Church of the Messiah. We will deliver again February 13-17. Please contact Audrey McVean if you are available and able to help, [amcvean@sc.rr.com](mailto:amcvean@sc.rr.com).

Men's Breakfast meets on Saturday, January 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 8:00. Our monthly group is growing and we have a great time of fellowship (pictured). All men welcome!



## Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Lutheran Services Carolinas held The New American Program Community Event in St. Philip's Fellowship Hall on Tuesday December 13, 2022 at 2 p.m. This Program will work closely with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and local faith organizations to welcome refugees and immigrants and help them transition into a new life and a new culture. Bedrija Jazic, Service Team Leader/Director, Refugee and Immigrant Services discussed how interested faith partners and community groups can engage as Circles of Welcome to create meaningful ways to walk along side of refugee families as friends, volunteers and advocates. She explained the make up, commitment and expectations involved.

After the meeting, our group met briefly. Items discussed were:

**Blessing Box:** The box is being used regularly. After discussion, it was agreed to continue to fill the box as long as we have items available. Do not put grocery bags in the box for people to use when taking items.

**Feeding the Homeless:** Meal for Saturday, December 17, will be catered by Andy's Snak Shak. This was decided to give the regularly volunteers a break during the busy month of December. St. Philip will be feeding the homeless monthly in 2023 (feeding twice a month in two specific months). A schedule is forthcoming.

**LSC New American Program:** We will discuss how our group will support this mission in our January meeting. We also discussed how Pastor Jason will introduce this mission to the congregation. Suggested that perhaps Rachel could do a temple talk.

**Benevolences:** Currently, we give to Meals on Wheels, Helping Hands, Help4Kids, and Lutheran World Relief. Brief discussion on dropping Meals on Wheels and replacing with the Boys & girls Club. Will discuss further at our January meeting.

**St. Philip Shirts:** Shirts ordered are in. Shanna will have them ready for pick up on Sunday for those who ordered.

The next Mission & Outreach Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.



## WELCA NEWS - Kathy Buckley, WELCA President

### *Happy New Year to all from the WELCA Circles!*

Thirty-two women attended our combined WELCA Meeting at St. Philip on November 12. Our guest speaker was Dr. Cathy Milejczak, the Tanzania Companion Synod Representative. Her team delivered a slideshow presentation on the Southwestern Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania, East Africa.

It was inspiring to see how much has been accomplished, and the plans to continue the support for a complete medical clinic. When the facility is completely finished and equipped, an application can be made for a government doctor to be assigned to this area.

The Women of our combined WELCA Circles donated a free-will offering of \$525.00 to help them in this endeavor. Election of two officers, light refreshments and a "Tea" followed the presentation.

The results of our election of officers for a 2-year term are:

- ⇒ Elsie Angus, Vice President
- ⇒ Martha Sosebee, Secretary

We have completed our December projects for the Christmas Holidays. Esther Circle has purchased and wrapped several items for six "Angel Tree" requests and Ruth Circle has completed their "Operation Christmas Boxes" for needy children.

All women are invited to attend the WELCA meeting that best fits their schedule. Esther Circle meets the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and Ruth Circle meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Both meet in the Conference Room.





## Director of Music & Christian Education - Arthur Ghere

Our worship services in December were elevated with special musicians and collaborations of groups. All of the music was well received. Our worship & music volunteers gathered for a Christmas party at the Ghere's home. The party was very well attended with 30 people in attendance. Our December 18 concert, *Carols by Candlelight*, went very well. The Fellowship Committee hosted a reception following the program. Chancel Choir received a new choir member and our Handbell Choir will possibly gain one more ringer. New people and new talent are always welcome!

The children have been meeting regularly for Children's Choir and Sunday School each Sunday. On December 17, we went Christmas caroling to a few members homes followed by a Christmas Party at the Shea's home.

An Education Committee will be formed in January to assist with making plans and hosting events and will meet regularly. A few people have volunteered to serve on that committee and their help will be greatly appreciated for planning events and improving our education program.





# St. Philip Preschool





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