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## **NEWSLETTER for September 2023**

*"The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." -1 Corinthians 3:8-9*

A graphic celebrating 10 years. It features two yellow hands, one on the left and one on the right, each with a red heart on the palm. Between the hands is the text "CELEBRATING 10 YEARS" in black. Below this is a yellow banner with the text "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Underneath the banner are five colored squares, each containing a white icon: a blue square with a chalice, a green square with a plant growing from a pot, a yellow square with a wrench, a red square with an envelope, and a purple square with a hammer. At the bottom is a yellow banner with the text "September 10, 2023".

**CELEBRATING  
10  
YEARS**

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**

**September 10, 2023**

# St. Philip Lutheran Church

## Our Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Jason M. Lee  
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Preschool Director: Jenn Loeswick  
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## Preschool Teachers:

Kimberly Davis, 2s class  
Ashley Stippick, 2s class  
Christina McCarty, 2s class  
Jennifer Deitzer, 3s class  
Holli Whitehead, 4s class  
Kime Slaughter, 4s class  
Rachel Ryan, substitute teacher  
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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Church Website: [stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com](http://stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com)  
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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 and FINANCES

### New Members Classes, Sundays, September 24 & October 8



Pastor Jason will offer two new members classes on Sundays, September 24 and October 8, beginning at 9:35 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time for anyone who wishes to join St. Philip to ask any questions they may have about the history of the church or the Lutheran faith. Please let Pastor Jason know directly if you will be attending, [prjlee@aol.com](mailto:prjlee@aol.com). We will welcome new members on Sunday, October 15, during both worship services.

**Attendance Inserts:** Please remember to date and sign your name on the weekly Attendance Insert inside your Sunday bulletin. If you have any address changes, phone number updates, or email address changes, please include that on the insert as well. We often receive a dated insert checked as a member, but no name is written on the insert. All attendance inserts are given to the Church Office to record. Each year, we report an average number in attendance to the SC Synod for statistical information. Folks who may be looking for a Lutheran church in our area can visit the ELCA website and look at church statistics for any given church that reports. No names are shared - only an average of weekly attendance for the church. Your information is kept in St. Philip's church records.

**Linda Hendricks, Parish Administrator**

### St. Philip Lutheran Church

Time Period: January 1 - July 31, 2023	General Fund	Preschool	Benevolence	Capital Campaign	Misc Restricted Funds	Totals
General Fund Offerings, (Regular, QCD, Tithe.ly, On-line)	189,686					189,686
Other Receipts	4,461	65,461	14,185	310,463	2,003	396,573
<b>Total Church Operating Income, Preschool, Benevolence, Etc.</b>	<b>194,147</b>	<b>65,461</b>	<b>14,185</b>	<b>310,463</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>586,259</b>
Expenses & Disbursements (Actual)	180,230	48,362	7,653	28,252	2,247	266,742
<b>Net Operating Income or (Loss) and Other Balances</b>	<b>13,917</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>6,533</b>	<b>282,211</b>	<b>(244)</b>	<b>319,517</b>
Other Income: Applied DSS Grants		32,650			(2,799)	29,851
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>13,917</b>	<b>49,750</b>	<b>6,533</b>	<b>282,211</b>	<b>(3,043)</b>	<b>349,368</b>
<p>*Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday, Jan-July 2023 (31 Sundays) (This weekly average includes Offerings &amp; QCD gifts.)</p> <p>Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday in 2022 (52 Sundays)</p> <p>*Average offerings include General Fund gifts only.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respectfully submitted, Linda Albert, Treasurer</p>						

### St. Philip Lutheran Church

#### Benevolence Gifts Received January 1 - July 31, 2023

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	Lutheran World Relief	Boys & Girls Club	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Christmas in July	Total
Benevolence Offering of \$2,395.37 divided by 4	598.84	598.84	598.84	598.84				2,395.37
Designated Benevolence Gifts	4,977.14	340.00	530.00	234.00	120.00	780.00	4,808.94	11,790.08
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>5,575.98</b>	<b>938.84</b>	<b>1,128.84</b>	<b>832.84</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>780.00</b>	<b>4,808.94</b>	<b>14,185.45</b>

### St. Philip Lutheran Church

#### Benevolence Gifts Distributed January 1 - July 31, 2023

Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	Lutheran World Relief	Boys & Girls Club	Meals on Wheels	Homeless Ministry	Christmas in July	Total
Benevolence Offering (\$1455.36/4)	363.84	363.84	363.84	363.84				1,455.36
*Designated Gifts	5,667.14	60.00	70.00	40.00	20.00	340.09		6,197.23
<b>Total Gifts Distributed</b>	<b>6,030.98</b>	<b>423.84</b>	<b>433.84</b>	<b>403.84</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>340.09</b>		<b>7,652.59</b>

\*Includes Prepaid Helping Hand Benevolence Gift

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

August 8, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the St. Philip Church Council was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, in the Conference Room.

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Council Members present:**

*Pastor Jason Lee, Linda Albert, Ronda Anderson, Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel, Shauna Shea, Glenn Stef, Dave Witmer.*

**Council Members not present:** *Susan McClellan, Lauren Zuschlag.*

**Others present:** *Jenn Loeswick, Preschool Director*

## **Opening Devotions:**

*Pastor Jason led devotions based on Matthew 14 and had small groups report on their discussions regarding ways that we can reach out to others, get to know each other better, and serve Jesus in our congregation.*

## **Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Jim Seidel to approve the Council Minutes dated July 18, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Finance Reports:**

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

## **Committee Reports:**

- *Outreach Meeting: Report given dated July 18, 2023.*
- *Property: Report submitted by Dave Ramsey.*

## **Staff Reports:**

- *Preschool: Jenn Loeswick reported on staff and expected enrollment for the school year with teachers being present beginning August 28.*
- *Pastor's Report: Report submitted by Pastor Jason. Pastor provided a detailed update on the search for a Director of Music Ministry. Pastor also provided an update about CAGA stories.*

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

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

- *Constitution Update: Dave Witmer discussed the updates to our constitution to match those made by the SC Synod and ELCA Churchwide in recent years. Ongoing work will take place on our bylaws as well as exploring a renewal of the church's mission statement.*
- *A motion was made by Jim Seidel, seconded by Glenn Stef, to approve the recommended constitution with the changes that have been made. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*
- *A motion was made by Linda Albert, seconded by Dave Witmer, to change the January council meeting from the second Tuesday to January 16, 2024, to allow more time for closing the books at the end of the year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Leadership Development:** *Covered during earlier discussions.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Dismissal**

*There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Jim Seidel to adjourn meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. The next Regular Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m.*

**Respectively submitted by,**

**Linda Albert**

**\*Acting council secretary for Lauren Zuschlag**



## September Acolyte Ministry News - John Iredell/Shaula Shea

The Acolyte Program at St. Philip continues to excel. Our young leaders can now assist and perform their duties with very little supervision and work well as a team. The months of July and August offered worship services centered on *Christmas in July* and the season of Ordinary Time featuring our own liturgical dancers.

The summer season is over and the children are heading back to school with their backpacks blessed. Future plans for our Acolytes include a mini-golf tournament and a Retreat and cookout in October. Please continue to encourage and support our Acolytes.

# Acolyte Ministry



## Mission & Outreach Committee

The Mission & Outreach Committee met on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance: Don Letourneau, Pastor Jason, Teddy Janosick, Barbara Miller, Barb Poloni, Gail Kane, Patrick Wilson, and Audrey McVean. Pastor Jason opened with prayer.

**New American Program.** We welcomed Barbara Miller to our committee. Barbara is the Outreach Coordinator for the New American Program with Lutheran Services Carolinas and a member of our congregation. Barbara provided info on forming a Circle of Welcome for refugee families coming to Myrtle Beach. A Circle of Welcome would guide the refugee family for the first six months to one year by assisting with locating housing, gathering furniture and clothing, providing meals upon arrival and stocking pantry when housing is obtained, driving to appointments, tutoring for English and cultural orientation. To introduce program to congregation, Barbara will provide info for bulletins and a coffee social was suggested. To raise funds, a noisy offering will be collected.

**Christmas in July.** Don reported that \$5,800 was collected this year with \$1,798 given to each organization.

**"Gods Work/Our Hands" - September 10.** Don reported that a \$250 community impact card from Thrivent will be used to purchase food. Sign up sheets in narthex. Men's Breakfast group will prepare hamburgers, hotdogs, and sides; Fellowship Committee will prepare desserts. First-responders will be invited as special guests.

**Feeding the Homeless.** Patrick reported that 25 guests were served in July with 20 to-go food boxes prepared. On August 26, we will be serving roast beef and fixings for lunch. In September, we will be serving two lunches - on the 23rd, the Youth Ministry will serve an Italian meal to include lasagna, spaghetti, etc. and on the 30th, a pulled pork and fixings lunch will be served. Patrick asked that diet sodas be removed from the list of items on the sign-up sheet. Sign-up sheets for the lunches in September will be posted online.

**Blessing Box.** Pastor Jason reported that Jenn Piccolo's husband repaired the damaged blessing box. Don asked that if any of us are at church for a meeting, etc., to check the box and restock as needed. Barbara Miller will provide a list of how long items are usable after expiration date.

**Helping Hands.** Barb Poloni contacted the executive director regarding pantry needs. She was advised that soup would be a great help for the upcoming fall/winter months. A soup drive will be held from September 3 - October 29 with mission boxes identified for all kind/brands of soups. Linda Hendricks has prepared a flyer to be posted

**Meals on Wheels.** Audrey reported that the organization has funds to last through December, 2023. It costs around \$5,000 - 6,000 monthly to provide meals. The meals are prepared by Senior Catering. Nine churches volunteer to deliver 35-40 meals a day. The Committee will consider donating extra funds at the end of the year. Audrey will write a letter to area churches regarding financial constraints and request assistance.

**Boys and Girls Club.** Gail has supplies provided by a congregation member to deliver. She will contact administrator to determine when tutors should return for this school year.

**Reading Buddies.** Gail will contact Michelle Greene Graham at Myrtle Beach Elementary School regarding status of reading buddy program.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 5:30 p.m.

**Submitted by the Mission & Outreach Committee**

### Soup Drive for Helping Hand

September 3, 2023 – October 29, 2023



### *Soups On!*

The Mission & Outreach Committee will hold a soup drive September 3 - October 29, to help "stock the pantry" for the fall & winter months for Helping Hand. Any kind or brand of soup is acceptable. Pop-top cans, when available, are a big help. What could be better than a hot bowl of soup on a chilly day? Chunky soup added to rice or noodles could make a good meal for someone. The Mission boxes in the hallway will be marked accordingly for any and all donations.

Any questions, please contact Barb Poloni directly, [bapolo47@gmail.com](mailto:bapolo47@gmail.com) or 843-234-2373.

Pictured is Don Letourneau and Pastor Jason along with the Christmas in July outreach recipients: Jay Pratt with Waccamaw Youth Center; Michele Moore with Lutheran Services Carolinas; and Donna Bodie with Churches Assisting People. All were very appreciative of the donations given to help assist their charity.



## Christmas in July



## Property Report - Dave Ramsey

- ⇒ *Conserva Irrigation completed maintenance check, minor repairs needed.*
- ⇒ *Prepared and submitted proposed 2024 Building and Grounds budget as requested.*
- ⇒ *Trees around church trimmed from building.*
- ⇒ *30% of plans completed by Earthworks Group on dirt parking lot project.*
- ⇒ *Many thanks to those who have helped around the church building and grounds, including trimming the bushes and pulling weeds. It takes many volunteers to help keep the grounds spruced up and we are grateful for all who do. If you do call the office to add your name to the list of volunteers to help where needed, make sure you let us know the days you are able to help. Please read the following for more info.*

### **CHURCH BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Help Wanted**

*Do you want to help take care of God's House?* If you're handy or just like to pitch in to help, we could use many hands to care for our church building. A full and diverse property committee helps us be good stewards of our building and donations. The following is a list of people we are looking to contact if a need should arise. If you volunteer to be on a list for any of the below areas, please let the church office know if or when you are available and where best you are able to help.

#### **Yard Care**

- *While we have a lawn care service that comes to mow (weather permitting), other general yard care needs to be taken care of - pulling weeds, trimming bushes, moving branches and sticks, etc.*

#### **Property Committee**

- *General Help* - A generally handy person who can change light bulbs, do some touch-up paint, give help with moving things, and so forth.
- *Organize/Schedule* - A person who could oversee regular maintenance of HVAC units, schedule professionals for other work in the building, and be available to meet service calls at the church.
- *Plumbing* - Experience with minor or major plumbing issues, as well as giving advice on when to call someone.
- *Electrical* - Experience with minor or major electrical issues, as well as giving advice on when to call someone.

## St. Philip Preschool - Jenn Loeswick, director

Welcome back to preschool! We are so excited to have our returning friends and welcome some new friends on Tuesday, Sept 5, for our Back to School Orientation/Meet and Greet!

We can't wait for our Owls (2s class) families to meet our two NEW teachers who will join Ms. Kim this year. Ms. Christina McCarty, whose son was here last year, will be starting in the Owls class, along with our second transplant from New Jersey, Ms. Ashley Stippick.

Ms. Jennifer will be back with the Frogs (3s class) and Mrs. Holli is moving to the Bees (4s class) to help Ms. Kime. September is always a fun month in preschool - we meet new friends, learn our daily rhythm, and start learning about our garden.

*Wishing everyone a wonderful new school year!*





# September Worship Schedule



***“The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” - Matthew 20:28***

## **ASSISTING MINISTER**

9/3 (8:30) Joe Baxter; (10:30) Dana Lee  
 9/10 (8:30) Linda Albert; (10:30) Angie Morris  
 9/17 (8:30) Martha Sosebee; (10:30) James McIlrath  
 9/24 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) Millie Wolf

## **LECTOR**

9/3 (8:30) Joe Baxter; (10:30) John Iredell  
 9/10 (8:30) Martha Sosebee; (10:30) Wendy Seidel  
 9/17 (8:30) Linda Albert; (10:30) Regine Perez  
 9/24 (8:30) Martha Sosebee; (10:30) Maureen Ciarlo

## **USHER**

9/3 (8:30) Dave & Sherri Crawford with Don Letourneau; (10:30) Jack Ledford  
 9/10 (8:30) Linda Prochaska; (10:30) Dennis Hiller  
 9/17 (8:30) Ronda Anderson; (10:30) Kelley Hiller  
 9/24 (8:30) Robin Heuer; (10:30) Wendy Seidel and Madge Rosenberg

## **CAMERA OPERATOR - 10:30 service**

9/3 Dave Ramsey  
 9/10 John Iredell  
 9/17 Jim Seidel  
 9/24 Lauren Zuschlag

## **TELLERS**

9/3 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington  
 9/10 Marty & Barb Poloni  
 9/17 Odella Madeja and Dianne Siee  
 9/24 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington

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

9/2 Elsie Angus and Marianne Tetreault  
 9/9 Linda Prochaska and Gail Kane  
 9/16 Kathy Buckley and Gail Kane  
 9/23 Linda Albert and Carole Ledford  
 9/30 Dave & Sharon Ramsey

## **Crucifer/Acolyte - 10:30 service**

9/3 Anna Lee and Jonah Lee  
 9/10 James Barth and Lexi Church  
 9/17 Ray Shea and Silas Barth  
 9/24 Riley Hayward and Hudson Barth

## **Kid's Sunday school, Preschool - 1st Grade, 10:00 a.m.**

9/3 Daniel Barth  
 9/10 Sarah Prinzi  
 9/17 Beth Fife  
 9/24 Redding Soderberg

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

Teachers: Shauna Shea and Dana Lee







St. Philip's Ruth Circle enjoyed their August meeting at Fiesta Mexicana in Myrtle Beach. Great food and a great time of fellowship!

Ladies, if you are not part of a Circle group, you are welcome to attend the Circle meeting that best fits your schedule. **Esther Circle** meets on the first Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m.

**Ruth Circle** meets on the second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ!

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

### St. Philip,

We wanted to thank you for your donation of 60 pounds of assorted food that you made on July 19. we are extremely grateful for your generosity! Each and every dollar or item we receive allows us to assist those in need. Together we are making a positive difference in our community!

**Helping Hand Staff: Tracy, Don, Cynthia, Cindy, and Deb**

### St. Philip Members,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,795 to Waccamaw Youth Center (WYC)! We are going to use the money to get our boys back to school clothes and supplies, and whatever is left will go towards renovations for WYC. You have made a big impact on the boys. Thank you again for including us in your Christmas in July outreach. God bless!

**Jay Pratt and your friends at Waccamaw Youth Center**



### ***Lunch Bunch is back for another season!***

Our first lunch outing will be on Monday, September 18, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at **Ducatis Pizzeria & Trattoria**, 960 Ciprianna Drive in Myrtle Beach.

Reservations have been made for 26 people. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information table by the front entrance of the church. Lunch Bunch gathers once a month from September through May.

*A great time of fellowship with family & friends!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NA 8pm	2 NA 8pm
3 Worship 830 & 1030am; Adult Bible study 935am; Kids Sunday school 935am; <b>Confirmation info class</b> after 1030 service in the Conference Room; NA 6pm	4	5 <b>Preschool begins</b>  Cub Scouts 6pm	6	7 Esther Circle 10am  NA 8pm	8 NA 8pm	9 <b>Men's Breakfast 830am in the Fellowship Hall</b>  NA 8pm
10 Worship 830 & 1030am; Adult Bible study 935am; Kids Sunday school 935am; <b>GWOH Sunday Luncheon</b> after 1030 service; Sons of Norway 2-5pm; NA 6pm	11 Fellowship Committee 1030am  Ruth Circle 630pm	12 PA Friends Social club 5-8pm in the Fellowship Hall  Church Council 6pm	13	14 NA 8pm	15 NA 8pm	16 NA 8pm
17 Worship 830 & 1030am; Adult Bible study 935am; Kids Sunday school 935am ; <b>Confirmation class</b> after 1030 service in the Conference Room; NA 6pm	18 <b>Lunch Bunch 1230pm @ Ducatis Pizzeria &amp; Trattoria</b>	19 Mission & Outreach Committee 530pm  Cub Scouts 6pm	20	21 NA 8pm	22 NA 8pm	23 <b>Feeding the Homeless</b>  <b>Youth service and sun day</b>  NA 8pm
24 Worship 830 & 1030am; Adult Bible study 935am; Kids Sunday school 935am; <b>New members class 935am</b> in the Fellowship Hall; <b>Communion class</b> after 1030 service in the Fellowship Hall; NA 6pm	25	26	27	28 NA 8pm	29 NA 8pm	30 <b>Feeding the Homeless</b>  NA 8pm



## YOUTH & FAMILIES

**Congrats** to 2023-2024 scholarship recipients, Sophie Orcutt and Brandon Jordan, each receiving a \$1,750 check from St. Philip to help further their education. **Sophie** began her senior year at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, in August, focusing on her major in psychology with a minor in criminal justice. After she graduates, Sophie will pursue her master's in clinical psychology with an emphasis on trauma. **Brandon** (grandson of Barb & Marty Poloni) began his senior year at Clemson University in August. Brandon is majoring in chemical engineering with a minor in business administration.



### Confirmation Classes Starting Soon!

Join us for an important information session regarding our upcoming Confirmation program! After the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 3, we will be holding a brief meeting to discuss the details of the program, specifically focusing on the education piece. This program is intended for those entering grades 7 and 8. Contact Pastor Jason if you plan to attend or if you would like to be involved but cannot make this meeting.

### Communion Class

On Sunday, September 24 after our 10:30 worship service, Pastor Jason will host a Communion Class for those who are ready to start taking communion or those who currently take communion but would want to learn more. Those who have already been to the more in-depth class don't need to repeat, but all are welcome to refresh their memory and hear again how God meets us and feeds us in this meal. Please let Pastor Jason know if you plan to attend.

### Service & Sun Youth Event - Saturday, September 23

Mark your calendars for our kick-off youth event, "Service & Sun," taking place on Saturday, September 23, starting at 10:00 a.m. We're gathering at the church to set up and serve St. Philip's meal for the homeless. After serving, we'll head down to the beach for a fun-filled afternoon. (You can wear your bathing suit under your clothes for serving, or you can change at the church once we're done.) It's a perfect opportunity to connect with friends and enjoy fellowship with each other. Don't miss out on this fantastic day of service and sun!





## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Our sympathies** to Laurie Bruccoliere on the passing of her mother, Ruth Ann Hoffman, on Monday, August 7. Please remember Laurie, Steve, and their family in your prayers.

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: Laurie Bruccoliere (loss of mother), Pérsida Rivera-Méndez (cataract surgery); Roz Hanlon (loss of husband); prayers for Connie Lafferty, Pat Moody, Stan Lotts, Tom Rodriguez, Chris Burton, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Carol Renne (all health related); and prayers for home-bound members Barbara Stemler and Maxine Robinson.

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

**Abby Brown** - Daniel (father); **AJ & Regine Perez** - Hannah T. (granddaughter); **Audrey McVean** - Lora D. (mother); **Barbara Boord** - Braylon Sanders (4 yrs. old with rare lung disease); **Betti Taggart** - Jim M.; **Bill & Nancy Houston** - Jesi S. (niece); **Daniel & Samantha Barth & family** - Zoe (12 yr. old undergoing cancer treatments); **Barbara Miller** - Janice R. (Aunt with pulmonary fibrosis), Doug K. (brother), Patti W. refugees & asylum seekers in the U.S.; **Beth Fife** - Robin R.; **Bob & Betti Taggart** - Helen G., Dan B., Ellen H.; **Carol Renne** - Fran K. (son-in-law); **Carol Washington** - Pr. John K.; **Chuck & Donna Krohn** - Max K. (grandson); **Dave & Lottie Witmer** - Donna C., Jim H.; **Dave & Sharon Ramsey** - Joan H., Vivian B., Abi B.; **David & Sherri Crawford** - Tina B.; **Don & Bonnie Letourneau** - Darrell R. (brain cancer); **Elaine Lucatuorto** - Debbie H.; **Ellen Hayward** - family of Gina H.; **Ellen Yates** - Linnea L., Tim I. (cancer); **Frank & April Troglauer** - Heather W. (Frank's mom), Hope H. (aunt), school teachers; **Gail Kane** - Mike L., Sherry L.; **Gary & Lucille Moore** - Candy (twin sister); **Hank & Pat Moody** - Pr. Pam C.; **Henry & Rita Lewis** - Garry R., Francine N.; **James & Joyce DeNoon** - Steve S.; **James McIlrath** - Romaine M.; **Jeff & Cynthia Church** - Henry C., Deanna & Ed S.; **Jessica & Brian Lowe** - Rene B., the Baker family; **Jim & Connie Lafferty** - John F., Mike & Janet S.; **Jim & Malinda Eubanks** - Ava (2 yr. old granddaughter diagnosed with leukemia); **Joan DiLorenzo** - Walt & Sissy Boyer, Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters); **Joe & Paula Baxter** - Grace N., Chuck H., Richard G., Wayne M., Earl W., Oleksii K., Ukraine, Laura & Debra; Pat S., Mrs. Page; **Jonah Lee** - Mallory and Camden W.; **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), Mark S.; **Linda Dohanish** - Robert S. (father); **Marianne Tetreault** - Kenny M.; **Marjorie Allen** - Cristina G.; **Martha Sosebee** - Bobby J. (cancer); **Marty & Barb Poloni** - Rob & Deb McC., Kris K. (daily convulsions); people of Niger and Maui, family of Suzanne B.; **Mike & Diane Ballard** - Robert L. (Diane's father); **Nancy Wrigley** - Katherine G., Bryan B.; **Pérsida Rivera-Méndez** - Raymond R. (son); **Phil & Robin Wolfe** - Sadie; **Redding Farlow Soderberg** - Tom, Neely & Hayes P. (passing of son, Carter); **Robin Heuer** - Family, Joyce, Ann, Rick, Haley, Alley (granddaughter); **Roz Hanlon** - the Hanlon/Sachs family, Robert B.; **Skip Barth** - Mother Superior Stella, Ann S., Jodie & John, Susan; **Susan & Kinter McClelland** - Robin & Vince W.; **Teddy Janosick** - Bill Q.; **Todd Dohner** - Teresa D.; **Walter Wright, Jr** - Carmel W.

### Happy Birthday!

9/2 Angie Morris  
9/6 Tom Soderberg  
9/9 Patrick Wilson  
9/13 Scarlett Fife, Martha Sosebee  
9/15 Inara Keelin, Frank Troglauer, Tonda Wiker  
9/16 Clara Wilson  
9/17 Hannah Prinzi  
9/19 John Gabler, Barb Poloni  
9/20 Nathan Prinzi  
9/25 Steve Wiker  
9/26 Kelley Hiller  
9/27 Rob Prinzi  
9/28 Jeff Church Angelina Santino, Bill Schultheis  
9/29 Kathy Buckley, Connie Lafferty, Pete Wolf

### Happy Anniversary!

9/1 Dennis & Kelley Hiller  
9/15 Matthew & Jenn Piccolo  
9/16 Wes & Lynne Reinhardt  
9/19 Heliodoro & Rev. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez  
9/28 Barron & Kathy Buckley

# Congrats!

## New Members Classes September 24 & October 8

For those who wish to know more about joining our family of faith, Pastor Jason will offer two new members classes on Sundays, September 24 and October 8, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:35 a.m. This is a good time to find out more about the history of St. Philip and the Lutheran faith.

Please contact Pr. Jason directly to let him know you will be attending one or both classes, [prjlee@aol.com](mailto:prjlee@aol.com). We will receive new members on Sunday, October 15 during both services.



### Fellowship Committee - Inara Keelin

On Monday, September 11, the Fellowship Committee will have their monthly meeting to begin planning future events starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping serve your church family, come join us - we would love to have you! Any questions, feel free to contact Inara Keelin, 843-602-8770 or [inarakeelin@gmail.com](mailto:inarakeelin@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** Saturday, October 21, the Fellowship Committee will host their 5th annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser at the church. We will need at least 10 participants to donate their favorite homemade chili and fixings, to be sampled by all those in attendance. Chili types that we will need are: Vegetarian, Meat, Chicken and Spicy. The Committee will provide the cornbread, desserts, and drinks. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will give you access to taste all the different Chili and will allow you to cast your vote on your favorite (prizes will be awarded).

On Sunday, September 17, there will be two sign-up sheets posted on the information table by the front entrance of the church - one for the participants and their Chili, and one for those planning to attend. All proceeds will go towards the church fund to be used at their discretion. We hope everyone will join us!

### St. Philip Faith Stories

#### "Host" - Patrick Wilson

After retiring from the restaurant business, Patrick Wilson decided to settle in Myrtle Beach. Before making the move, he and Tom felt the need to reconnect with their faith and attended a Catholic church. However, they never felt truly welcomed there. Once they moved to Myrtle Beach, they decided to try worshiping at a local church again, but unfortunately, the warm welcome they were hoping for still eluded them.

When Patrick and Tom found their way to St. Philip Lutheran Church in 2020, they were immediately embraced by a sense of belonging from the congregation. From the moment of their first visit, they were greeted by three different families, which left a lasting impression on Patrick. He found the worship experience at St. Philip to be deeply meaningful. The service's flow, the sermon, the music – all of it converged in a way that truly fostered an atmosphere of worship.

Although Patrick didn't initially fill out an attendance sheet, Tom did, and this led to a visit from Pastor Jason shortly thereafter. This encounter was special to Patrick because it revealed the genuine care and happiness the pastor felt about their attendance at St. Philip.

Feeling genuinely embraced within a faith community inspired Patrick to seek out opportunities to serve. It was during this time that he recognized how his lifelong culinary and managerial skills could be put to use in helping provide meals for the homeless. Through his involvement in serving these meals, Patrick crossed paths with Shanna Cisson, the organizer of the kitchen for these meals. Shanna's sincere and welcoming demeanor made Patrick feel appreciated in the kitchen. When Shanna eventually moved on, Patrick felt a calling to step up and become the coordinator for the homeless meals hosted at St. Philip. He takes on the role of greeting the homeless guests as they await their meals, ensuring they know they are genuinely welcome.

In addition to his involvement with the homeless meals, Patrick has chosen to serve as an usher and is also assisting our Financial Assistant with some of her responsibilities. Patrick holds deep gratitude for the wonderful friends who have become a close-knit community around him and Tom. He reflects, "They are practically family; in fact, they are family."





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