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# *June Scroll*      *2009*

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## ***Silver Synergy***

We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM in Room 10 A, and will recess during the months of July and August for summer vacation.

Our next two meetings will be of special interest as Pastor Koberg will present “Selected Seniors of the Bible”, a Two Part Study. All are welcome and refreshments are served. For transportation arrangements, contact Karen Balch at 833-7131

## ***From the Youth Board:***

### **Spring Fundraiser/Auction**

We've made a couple changes to our annual Youth Group fundraiser. Rather than BBQ, the menu this year will feature an Italian theme. You will still have the opportunity to bid on some wonderful silent auction items to raise money to help defray the cost of our High School youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2010. Also, please consider providing an auction item. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Tickets are on sale now. See a youth after service to purchase yours. Adults \$10, children 4-12 \$5. Be sure to attend the social event of the year! Saturday, May 30, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## ***Summer Fun***

We have some fun activities planned for summer. Make sure you put them on your calendar and invite friends!

Saturday, June 27: Outdoor Movie Night at church, 7:00 Movie TBD

Thursday, July 16: Swim Party at the Schoenthal's, 12:30 (after VBS) – 3:00

Friday, July 31: Lock-in at church, 6:00 pm – 9:00 am. We'll have food, games, glow stick hunt, movies, and various other fun stuff.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Fraternal Board Meetings

Saturday June 13th, @ 9:00 a.m.

Saturday August 8th @ 9:00 a.m.

Saturday October 10th, @ 9:00 a.m.

For more information on these meetings please contact Gayle Wilson @ 510-405-8100 or toll - free @ 800-972-2880

## ***Susie's Corner***

I'm sure that I can't be the only one who is looking forward to summer! It's an opportunity for all of us to take a break from our usual routine while we enjoy the warm weather. Taking a step back from the regular demands of daily life and resting for a time is always a good idea, but there are some things that we shouldn't drop all together from June through August. God never takes a brake from loving and caring for us so we should never take a brake from worshiping and seeking him. We should be conscious of what we're doing to maintain our relationship with the Lord all year long. To that end, this summer St. Philip will have available a 'Summer Devotion Calendar' so that children and their parents can continue to grow in faith throughout the summer months. The first month is included in this Scroll. July and August will be available soon and will also be sent out with the corresponding Scrolls. I would encourage families to make use of the calendars and try to include some of the ideas and activities into their summer schedules. If you don't happen to have young children, feel free to pass it along to grandchildren or friends who might be able to make use of it!

## ***Book Club***

The Book Club's next selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The story takes place in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, where there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another. Pick up a copy and start reading today! We will be meeting to discuss it in August.

## ***Leftie Reveal***

If you have been part of the Leftie Program, either as an adult or a youth, please join us for the revealing party on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. We'll have ice cream sundaes and Pictionary. Youth, it's a great time to say thank you to the adult who has been praying for you this year. Don't miss it!

## ***The Prayer Chain Needs You!***

Each week there is a notation in the church bulletin, "For prayer chain requests or to join the prayer chain call....." But have you wondered "what is a prayer chain?" or "why would I request a prayer for the prayer chain?". Simply stated, a prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive a prayer request for a concern or a thanksgiving, forward the request to the next available person in the network and then immediately pray for that request. The prayer chain is a spiritual system which communicates and takes prayerful action on the needs of the congregation. The work of the prayer chain is done behind the scenes. All that is asked of you is to take the time to pray as soon as you receive the request. How and where you pray is up to you. You can be notified of a request by phone or by e-mail, the choice is yours. E-mail works well for those who work full time, travel, or for those who have left our congregation but still would like to remain in prayerful contact. Why ask for a prayer through the prayer chain when we have a prayer sheet in the Sunday bulletin? There may be times you need a prayer to be offered and you cannot wait until Sunday morning. Or perhaps your need does not fit neatly into one of the prayer list categories. You may also want to ask for more specific requests than can be typed onto the prayer sheet. Finally, your request may be of a very personal nature that you would not really like to "be announced" and/or kept confidential. The prayer chain will honor your request for confidentiality. James 5:16 states: "Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." God's power is infinitely greater than ours. Our most powerful resource is communion with God through prayer. Won't you join our prayer chain? Your link will add to our strength. If you need a prayer, please call and let us ease your heart and mind as we add our strength and prayers to yours. For prayer chain requests or to join the prayer chain, please call.

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## ***Stephen Ministry***

Our lives are made up of milestones. Some are planned and anticipated such as birth, baptism, confirmation, graduation, marriage and family, but others are unplanned and not anticipated like illness, divorce, loss of a job, depression, or the death of a loved one. In each of these times it's so good to have family and friends to share our joys and sorrows, but during those unplanned events those trials take all our strength and energy to get through. It's especially important to have someone to lean on for comfort and support. Our loving God is with us through all the milestones of our lives, but He also sends us people who care. People who are there for us to lean on and trust, people like Stephen Ministers. If you or someone you know would appreciate that kind of caring friend, with their permission, please speak with one of our acting Stephen Leaders. Vonnie Carlson at 925-846-5231, Pat Rustin at 925-828-4818 or Barbara Silzer at 925-964-9630.

## From Pastor Schruhl

June is the month for graduations. There will be a graduating class at St. Philip Lutheran School, just as there will be graduations from every school across the country. One of my grandchildren will be graduating from high school in Washington, DC. Graduation is a proud moment for parents and grandparents. The words we use for graduation and its ceremony have particular meanings.

To “Graduate,” (from the Latin ‘gradus’) has the notion of having reached the highest step – there are no more steps up. We also call the graduation ceremony, “Commencement,” which means beginning. In other words, by the terms we use, we indicate that there are no more steps here, (graduation), but the end of steps here means a beginning, (commencement), somewhere else – perhaps another set of steps, e.g., high school, college, career path, etc. Hence: Graduation and Commencement.

Throughout our lives all of us experience many graduations and commencements. There are many events that change our lives forever – a school graduation is only one of many. Other major life changing events include marriage, the birth of a child, a terminal illness, the death of a loved one, etc. All of these mark the end of one phase of life and the beginning of another. The transition point, the actual point of the change, can produce a certain amount of anxiety.

There’s a story in the Bible about a fellow who caves in to anxiety. The story, in Matthew 14:22-33, is about Jesus walking on the water during a fierce storm. Jesus’ followers are in a boat. When they first see Jesus, they think they’re seeing a ghost. When they realize it is Jesus, one of the followers, Peter, asks Jesus to call him out onto the water. Jesus calls him. At first, the Bible tells us, Peter is able to walk on water, but then, when he realizes what he’s doing, anxiety sets in and he begins to sink. Jesus chastises Peter for his “lack of faith.” As we normally read the story, we see only Jesus and Peter as the principle characters. But there are other characters in the story – significant characters.

In the boat with Peter were eleven other followers – followers who had seen miracles performed by Jesus and knew the possibilities of his power. They never even make an attempt to get out of the boat. They were too anxious! Often in life we see opportunities to “step out in faith” but are paralyzed by anxiety and a fear of failure. In those transition points in life, or “graduation points,” whatever they may be, we need to trust that Jesus is always there for us and will see us through. So, whatever graduation/transition point you are approaching, remember that Jesus is there, calling you forward, and, with Jesus, there can be a bold commencing in a new and different direction.

## **SCROLL/BULLETIN GUIDELINES**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-5:00 p.m. M-F**

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-3:30 p.m. M-F**

**TO SUBMIT SCROLL/BULLETIN ARTICLES OR INFORMATION:**

**DEADLINES:**                    **Scroll:**            *the 15th of the preceding month by noon to the church office via hard copy or Email.*

**Bulletin:**        *Noon Wednesday. Items requiring a full page should be in the office by noon on Tuesday.*

*Items submitted after either deadline will be printed on avail space if any. All items are subject to adjustment in length and or language at the editor's discretion.*

## **ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

CHURCH: 925-828-2117

SCHOOL: 925-829-3857

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Principal: Char Nale

Sunday school: 9:45 am

Preschool Director: Sharon Collins

Adult Bible Class: 10:00 am

Office Manager: Erika Hidley

Interim Pastor: Joe Schruhl

Secretary: Linda Meyer

Secretary: Terri Parnoff

DCE: Susie Wilkerson

Music Director: Barbara Silzer

FAX (for both): 925-829-6672

### ***Our School***

Principal & M/S Math: Mrs. Char Nale

Preschool: Mrs. Sharon Collins, Mrs. Rachel Johnson, Mrs. Kelly Premo,  
Mrs. Wendy Tetzloff

Kindergarten: Mrs. Jemma Choi

First Grade: Mrs. Sally Larsen

Second/Third Grade: Miss. Shannon Schneider

Fourth/Fifth Grade: Mrs. Kelly Rashe'

Middle School (6,7,8) Mrs. Dee Christopher

Physical Education: Mrs. Linda Meyer

School Board Chairman Bob Green

