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People We Ought to Know: Philip the Deacon

Over the years, Christians of various backgrounds and denominations have made a point of remembering those who have gone before us — call them saints or simply people who have set an example of what it means to follow Christ.

With that in mind, this month I'm introducing a series called People We Ought to Know. We begin with Philip the Deacon. Not to be confused with Philip, one of the twelve disciples, this Philip first appears in Acts 6, where he is selected along with Stephen and five other men to serve as deacons in the early church. In this role they would assist the twelve disciples so that the disciples could focus on the preaching of the Word (Acts 6:2).

But the main place we read of Philip is in Acts 8. There the Lord sends him to the road that stretched from Jerusalem to Gaza, where he encounters an official from the court of Candice, queen of the Ethiopians. The official was riding along in a chariot, and as he went, he was reading the Prophet Isaiah. At the same time, the Holy Spirit instructed Philip to go to the man, which he did. And when he learned that the man did not understand what he was reading, Philip explained to him that he was reading about Jesus. And you may recall the rest of the story. As they are riding along, the Ethiopian sees a pool of water and asks Philip to baptize him, which he does. And so the Gospel of Christ continued to spread far and wide.

Finally, Philip appears in Acts 21, where we read that he hosted the Apostle Paul on his way to Jerusalem. During that stay, it was prophesied that Paul, should he go to Jerusalem, would be arrested and imprisoned. But although Philip and others begged Paul not to go, he insisted, and was in fact arrested.

We find in Philip the Deacon, a man who served the Lord and shared His Word with others. We need people like him today. And so we ask that God would raise up others like him and would also use us to make the name of Christ known to others.

Knowing Christ and making Him known,

Pastor Chris

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For the weekly Sunday bulletin Wednesdays @ Noon. (Mondays @ Noon if it is a holiday week) For the Monthly Messenger the deadline is the 15th of every month. For Church Council meetings: the Wednesday before the Sunday meeting date. Email: stjohnhamlin@outlook.com

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

Just a reminder that there are **hearing devices** in boxes in the back of church that can be used if you are having trouble hearing the service. Batteries are changed and they are ready for your use.

Worship News for October

The Sundays after Pentecost continue through October.
On October 25th, we will celebrate the Reformation.
Wear your red!

Thanksgiving Basket Donations Needed:

Life Solutions will soon be preparing over 200 Thanksgiving food baskets for families in our community who are experiencing food insecurities.

Items needed: instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, cornbread mix pie crust mix, 15oz can yams, can cranberries, 15oz pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, cream of mushroom soup, can/jar gravy. Donations are needed at Life Solutions by Monday, November 2nd. Thank you for your continued support of those in our community.

Our Festival will be held on Friday, October 16th & Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Much help is needed to be done prior and on sale days! Sign-ups will be available in Annex, as well as a simple call/text to Tracey (301-0716). You can help with sorting and pricing items now. **Also, on Saturday, October 10th we will be transferring all basement items up and into gym at 9:00 AM.** This usually takes less than 2 hours if we have a turnout of helpers! After that more help is needed to sort and price during the following days! We will need workers in ALL areas on sale days too! Thanks for considering helping! *FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE*

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANYMORE DONATIONS!

Attention all St. John bakers! As our festival approaches, we sure could use your help with any baked goods. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Annex. Thank you in advance this event is very successful, and we always sell out!

Kiwanis Spencerport is looking for new members. This organization meets twice a month at 6pm at Slayton Place in Spencerport. The meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The core focus of this group is community service projects, raising funds, and volunteering time to support the needs of children, and youth programs. If you are interested in learning more about it, please contact Jodie Farley at 585-281-3924.

"Crosses for Christ" update. The team has painted and distributed approximately 75 crosses!! Location emails have slowly trickled in. In order to make this a little simpler, we have posted a sheet on the board in the annex. If you have taken a cross, please take a minute to list your street and town/city/state on the sheet. Hoping to see crosses across the county, state and maybe even the country!!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

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BIRTHDAYS

October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 CARRIE HEISE BARB KLAFEHN	3 TRACY HAINSWORTH ERIC PETERS
4 DIANE BARBER STEVE TIPTON	5 JODI FARLEY ELEANOR NETTNIN RICHARD WOOD III	6	7 MICHELLE BLISS RON FLEMMING PEG LEVERENZ DWIGHT MASON	8 BETTY LEVERENZ JOAN SCHERFF	9 KATHY NETTNIN GREG NEWMAN DENISE RAYMOND	10 KYLIE ZUGEHOER
11 SHELIA BACON NOAH RATH	12 Columbus Day WENDY BISHOP HELENE KRYGIER	13 KAREN JOLLY CHRISTOPHER NETTLES	14	15	16 CATHY SAAR	17
18	19	20 BRITTANY PREVOST	21	22	23	24 TOM METHERELL CARMEN RUHLMAN BILL SEAMAN ZACKARY VINEY
25 SANDY BAASE BETSY MILLER JONATHAN SCHERFF HENRY STAAB LOGAN WALISZEWSKI MILES WALISZEWSKI MISSY WENCEK	26 NANCY PORCELLIO	27 BRUCE ARMSTRONG ELIZABETH SODOMA	28 YVETTE ALEXANDER GERALD BACON AMY FRENCH	29 BEN DOAN KELLY FOOS	30	31 Halloween KRISTIE BAXTER LINDA WIETZ

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH FACILITY SCHEDULE

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GYM USE: 10/01 - 10/02 10/05-10/08 JR. CHEERLEADERS 10/19-10/29 MON. - THURS. HILTON SELECT BB				1 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	2 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	3
4 8:30 / 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY & SS	5 9:00 AM FINANCE 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 7:00 PM WORSHIP MTG.	6 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	7 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	8 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 6:45 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG.	9	10 9:00 AM SET-UP FOR FALL FESTIVAL
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Fall Fun Festival

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Rummage
Sale



1/2 Price
Sale
Saturday

Farmers
Market



Quilters



Baked
Goods