

St. Philip's Weekly Newsletter August 27th

Friends, I am SO sorry to be delivering another abbreviated newsletter. I will ask Marinelle to add any information that comes in after today. Lisa and I are taking a couple of days off and going to Grand Rapids. She has a little business to take care of there for her company and I have some dear, distant relations there. We will also tour the Gerald Ford Museum and visit the graves of our former President and his wife. (Both of whom were devout Episcopalians, by the way!)

Here are the prayer concerns as I know of them on Tuesday:

- Just as I began typing, I received word from Lisa Gillette that her father was rushed to the emergency room. Andy was having difficulty breathing. Wednesday I was updated that Andy was diagnosed with pneumonia; and from Lisa, "Andy is very weak and can only take a few steps. We are grateful for prayers." Please keep praying! Cards can be sent to Andy and Sophie's home.
- Give thanks for the amazing doctors, nurses, EMT's and other health care professionals who look after all of us in times of need. May our healing God protect them and bless their efforts to minister health and wholeness to others.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Arsenal, a life-long friend of Tom Tuttle.
- I ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of my former father-in-law, Bill Randall. He died Friday after a decades-long battle with Hepatitis and Prostate Cancer. Pray for Rachel as Bill was her grandpa, and she has experienced far too much loss in one calendar year. I ask your prayers for the entire Randall family.

- Continue to pray for the Miller, Janiec and DeMeyer families, who have each suffered a recent loss. May they know the comfort of our Lord.
- Give thanks that Bill Peterson is on the mend after a car-pedestrian accident and subsequent surgery. Pray for his continued recovery and for Pat, Lori, and his physical therapists as they minister to his needs.
- Give thanks for our dear ones celebrating birthdays. This week, we give praise to God for the lives of Shane Allord and Jon Swichtenberg. Have a great celebration, fellas, and please know that your St. Philip's family loves you!
- We also give thanks for the anniversaries of Sophie and Andy Obara and Jon and Julie Swichtenberg! We thank the Lord for their examples of devotion and love. And it's quite a milestone for the Obara's: 66 years! Wow! What a testimony!
- Please pray for the people of Tennessee in the wake of devastating floods. Pray for those who have died. Pray for the healing of the injured. And pray for those bringing relief and care to all affected.
- I ask your prayers for Don Van Cleave, a dear friend of our administrative assistant, Marinelle Glickauf. Don is a beloved family friend and devout believer who has been diagnosed with Covid-19.
- Give thanks for the steady and wise leadership of Pam Patyk and Michael DeMeyer, our Senior and Junior wardens. I don't know what I would have done without them in 2021!