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## Celebrate Sea Sunday Remembering Seafarers – Our Supply Chain Heroes September 19, 2021

Almost everything we use in our daily life arrives by ship. And it is seafarers, an invisible society of workers that bring those goods to our shores. As we go through our grocery stores, fill up our cars with gas, and drink our morning coffee or orange juice, we give little thought as to how these items made it into our stores.

At the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, we see firsthand the sacrifices these workers make in order to bring these goods to our families and earn a living for their families. For the past 16 months most seafarers have been unable to set foot on shore due to the COVID-19 outbreak and continue to be unable due to lack of vaccinations or expired visas. We have seen crew after crew unable to go home when their contracts ended, again due to the repercussions from the pandemic. Remembering them on Sea Sunday has never been more important.

We are writing to ask you and the members of your congregation to include Sea Sunday on your calendar. This is a special day of prayer and remembrance for seafarers and an opportunity for all to reflect on the isolation and dangerous work conditions they endure. Should another date be more convenient for your calendar and congregation, please feel free to select a different Sunday.

I have enclosed a suggested list of hymns, prayers, and readings for use on Sea Sunday. Also included are prayers and information about life at sea suitable for your bulletin.

Should you like more information about Sea Sunday or the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, Inc., please feel free to contact me at 302-575-1300 or visit the SCW website at [www.scwde.org/sea-sunday](http://www.scwde.org/sea-sunday).

Thank you for joining us in remembering seafarers!

Sincerely,

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