

# St. Philip Invitation



*LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE* FEBRUARY 2018

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## Winter Weather Policy

It's that time of year again. When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made on WDBJ7 and WSL5 Newschannel 10, our website, social media and our robo-call service. Please check these media outlets for cancellation or time change information. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important to us.

## Anniversary Sunday Sunday, February 25th

On February 23, 1958, a charter was signed beginning the life of Saint Philip Lutheran Church. On Sunday, February 25, we will celebrate during both worship services our 60th congregational anniversary. The community of St. Philip has a great history of service, growing faith, and creative ministry and we celebrate all of those things even as we hopefully look to a Spirit led future. Be here on the 25th to mark an anniversary together.



## Celebrate Our History

## Forwarding Faith

Get Ready! On January 21, St. Philip began talking about Forwarding Faith, an initiative from the Virginia Synod to provide sustained support for youth ministry and faith formation in the Synod.



Forwarding Faith is a campaign to ensure that great ministry for youth in the Virginia Synod not only continues but flourishes. The goal is to raise \$2.5 million dollars from congregations across the synod. This cumulative gift will support youth events and adult faith formation for years to come.

The programs provided by the Virginia Synod are unique in the United States and are absolutely life changing for those who have participated. Please, please ask any of St. Philip's youth or young adults about their experience at Seventh Day or Lost and Found or Winter Celebration. St. Philip has an incredibly strong history and passion for youth ministry and faith formation starting at St. Philip's inception, continuing through Pastor Chip Gunsten, and ongoing as a part of its ministry today. (Did you know that Pastors Kelly and David met through a synod youth event!).

Our invitation to you is to participate. There are ways to participate even if you are unable to make a financial contribution.

If you want to learn more about the campaign in general visit [forwardingfaith.org](http://forwardingfaith.org) or to learn more about St. Philip's efforts speak with Sarah Parker or Pastor David.

## Lent Schedule

### February 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday, St. Philip Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday, is the first day of the season of Lent and begins a 40 day journey intended to be a time of confession, reflection, preparation, and fasting. It is a time for Christians to remember that our hope comes from the Christ of the cross and is assured by Jesus' Easter resurrection. Come and experience the powerful promise of Jesus as we gather for worship in the sanctuary.

### Lenten Worship Series: Open My Life Lord

When we cannot see the beauty of your creation, open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow. When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving, open our hands to do your work in the world. When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst, open our ears, that all will know your love. When we are hardened against our neighbor, open our hearts and heal our resentment. When we are closed to the grace you long to give us, open our

lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.

### February 21, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., St. Philip Lutheran Church, Rev. John McCandlish

Open My Eyes Lord: Paul saw the light of Christ shining around him on the road to Damascus. As individuals and communities, what do we have difficulty seeing?

### February 28, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., Glade Creek Lutheran Church, Rev. David Derrick

Open My Hands Lord: We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power.

### March 7, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Rev. Ken Lane

Open My Ears Lord: Ancient Greek philosophy notes that we have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. Jesus reminds us that we sometimes hear but don't listen, listen but don't understand.



## Lent 2018 Schedule

### March 14, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., St. Philip Lutheran Church, Rev. James Davis

Open My Heart Lord: Listening to Paul's teaching, Lydia opened her heart to God and was baptized. Her willing, trusting faith echoes down through the centuries as we witness her "open heart procedure."

### March 21, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Lutherans of the Roanoke Valley

Open My Life Lord: Writing to the Galatians, Paul tells us that we have died to the law so that we might live to God. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

\*All services except Ash Wednesday preceded by Soup and Bread at 6:00p.m.

## 600 Jars for 60 Years

Laura Latham

On February 25, St. Philip will celebrate 60 years of ministry in the Roanoke Valley. (see page 1) Throughout the church's history, congregation members have seen a need in our area and around the world and have sought a way to fill that need through mission and ministry. From creating a preschool – one of St. Philip's first ministries – to 20 plus years of blood drives to community holiday meals to support of sister parish in Mponela, Malawi to Elijah's Backpack, a feeding program that reaches children in five local schools.

In celebration of 60 years of ministry in the Roanoke Valley, the

coordinators of Elijah's Backpack have issued a challenge to the congregation – raise 600 jars of peanut butter in the month of February. That's 100 jars of peanut butter per decade of service to St. Philip's neighbors. Each week Elijah's Backpack serves 64 children in need at Burlington Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Glen Cove Elementary, Northside Middle, and Minnick School Main Campus. Six hundred jars of peanut butter will help feed these children through the end of the school year.

Beginning February 11 and running through Anniversary Sunday on February 25, you are invited to donate jars of peanut butter to Elijah's Backpack. There will be a display set up in the Fellowship Hall for you to

place your donations. The size peanut butter the ministry uses is 16-ounce jars, any brand. If you have any questions about Elijah's Backpack or the 600 Jars drive, please speak to Judy Brammer or Nancy Shadix. Elijah's Backpack also welcomes volunteers to help pack bags.



Let's have a big tower of 16-ounce jars of peanut butter in the Fellowship Hall as the congregation moves into its 7th decade of ministry. St. Philip is truly a congregation that Lives Like That!

## Church Council News - January

*Dan Radmacher*

Council met on January 9 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Much of the meeting focused on long-term transitional planning in the wake of Pastor Kelly's departure.

Treasurer Peter Shick said the year-end appeal to congregation members to help erase the anticipated budget shortfall was very successful. In November, it looked like the church might finish the year having spent \$7,000 more than was received in

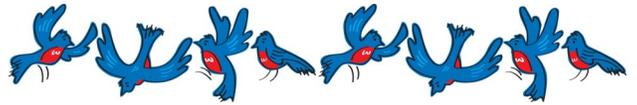
offerings. By the end of the year, that deficit had been reduced to \$282.

Pastor David reported that church administrator Laura Latham agreed to boost her hours for the next six months to help meet some of the short-term administrative needs created by Pastor Kelly's vacancy, and Kelly Miller Truax, a teacher at St. Philip preschool with family ties to the church, agreed to work 10 hours a week as a volunteer coordinator. She will be at church on Sundays to help connect people to the work that needs to be accomplished.

Many volunteers have already stepped forward and been assigned tasks and responsibilities, and even more have said they're ready to help out. Pastor David said he's feeling very good about the short-term transition effort.

Council spent some time brainstorming about the church's future, how to best engage the congregation and what kind of long-term staffing solutions to consider. This will be an ongoing conversation.

The next council meeting will be January 30 at 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.



## All Things Made New

*Laura Latham and Kelly Truax*

On one of my first days as office administrator for St. Philip Lutheran seven years ago, Pastor David walked past me and declared "It's a new day!" That exclamation has stuck with me since 2010 as I have grown along with you all.

Beginning in January church council offered me the opportunity to increase my responsibilities in service to the congregation. As part of this opportunity, I'll be working closely with ministries of the church including social justice, the worship team, and faith formation to ensure planning for ministries, events, and worship run smoothly.

While the church office hours will remain the same (9:00am - 1:00pm), I'll be behind the scenes more frequently using my skills and passion for ministry to help St. Philip continue to grow in mission. In addition to my currently office administrator duties, I'll be working closely with Kelly Truax, new volunteer coordinator. We're excited to work on our first big project together - the 600 Jars for 60

Years peanut butter collection challenge. (see page 2)

I'm also eager to take new visions and turn them into reality. I've already seen how folks in the church have stepped up into new roles. I know this period of transition to be a good chance for us to grow in ministry and service. If you have any needs or questions about ministry or mission in the church or administrative needs please reach out to me. Every day is a new day with new opportunity!

*Peace and Grace,  
Laura*

The opportunities are endless, especially with the love and guidance of God. How amazing does it feel to know that God always has us and keeps us?

Hello there! First, let me start by expressing my sincere thanks to all who have created this position, and allowed me to take on this opportunity.

I am honored to be serving here at St. Philip as your new volunteer coordinator. My main goal and focus while serving here will be to help

connect you and your family to ministry. I would also love to help you all focus on your faith, and find new opportunities to serve together. Our Intergenerational Faith Formation and also our Family Faith Ministry are a great way to connect with each other. If you would like to know more, or have any questions, please feel free to seek me out. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Although I may be a new face to many of you, my history here at St. Philip goes back quite a bit. My grandparents, parents and several other family members have attended here for many years. I was raised attending St. Philip. I have countless fond memories of growing and learning here, and I hope to be able to provide many fun memories for you and your families.

I am so excited to get to know each of you, and to see many familiar faces again. All things can be made new for sure. With this NEW position, I hope to provide a deeper love of your faith, as well as mine. We can make this happen, together.

*Thank you!  
Kelly*

### Lord, Teach Us To Pray

When Jesus gathered with his disciples he told them when they pray to pray like this "...Our Father..." The Lord's Prayer has since been prayed since the beginning of the church.

A part of our confirmation study at St. Philip includes exploring the Lord's Prayer. Here is what some of our confirmation students have said:



**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.** "We are praying not only for ourselves but for others too. We ask God to forgive our sins. We are also asking for the strength and courage to forgive others who sin against us." – Ridge Radtke

**Give us this day our daily bread.** "God will give us what we need. God does not say we will be rich but enough to live. God gives enough so

everyone will have what they need." - Ella Johnston

**Give us this day our daily bread.** "God will provide for us what we need for today. God will not let us go hungry. God promises to provide for all our daily needs not just food." – Griffin Horacek

Like the first disciples, we disciples continue to pray as Jesus taught us and continue to discover God's grace in the process.

### Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 4, 2018

As you prepare to purchase snacks for the Super Bowl, you are invited to provide food and funds for our hungry neighbors.

Americans spend about \$1 billion on Super Bowl snacks. In contrast, the youth of St. Philip challenge the

congregation to donate just \$1000 and 770 grocery items (that's enough cans to build two 10x10 pyramids) to Feeding America Food Bank and the St. Mark's food pantry, respectively.

We will collect the groceries in the sanctuary and the money at the close of worship as you leave the sanctuary. Together we can help end hunger right here in Roanoke!



### Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 -7:30pm

The meal includes steak, baked potato, green beans, fresh bread, and fine desserts. But the best part is gracious pampering and service provided by our youth. We will meet you at the front door, hang up your coat, seat you in the dining area, get your drink order, and find out how you want your steak fixed – all while you relax.

This event is not only a great time to catch up with members of St. Philip, but it is also a great time to invite someone to some great hospitality at your church (then be sure to invite them back for Ash Wednesday services the next evening). Tickets are available from any St. Philip youth!

This is an important fundraiser for the youth groups so they can attend youth retreats for all ages. Tickets are \$15 in

advance/\$18 the night of, for adults, and \$3 in advance/\$6 the night of, for a kids hot dog meal. You can also add a bowl of gumbo to your meal for an extra \$2. Yum!! here in Roanoke!



### The Feast is Ready to Begin

Liz Leonard

Each Sunday a central part of our worship is gathering for Holy Communion. In that feast we experience in tangible ways the grace of God and



Sacrament of Communion

encounter the living Lord Jesus. We are filled up so that when we leave worship we might go into the world to serve.

In order for us to feast each week there is a special group of servants who make sure Holy Communion is prepared. This group

of servants, called the Altar Guild, sets the table with bread, wine, and all the necessities for us to enjoy this weekly experience. Thank you Altar Guild! If you are interested in serving with the Altar Guild please speak with Liz Leonard.

## Children’s Faith Formation

*[Jesus] called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”*

(Matthew 18.2-4)  
Children’s Faith Formation happens in the worship service – where kids participate in the central communal act of god’s people, worshipping together! Jesus invites us all to have the faith of a child. Let’s learn from the children of St. Philip about how to live like that!

Check out the Kid Central table in the narthex with each week’s Children’s Bulletin, story books, Spark Family booklets, Bible story books, and the kids Busy Bags with crayons, activities, etc. The table is low so kids can get to the materials.

Let the little children come!

## Intergenerational Faith Formation

**February 11 (10-10:45am), ALL ages** will



gather between worship services for a short bible story followed by a service project. Just for 45 minutes, 10-10:45am. Just once per month.

In February, to show the ways we can

love our neighbor, we will assemble blessing bags to offer to our homeless neighbors. We encourage everyone to be part of these gatherings! If you’d like to help with these in any way, please speak with Juli Albertin.

## Family Faith Formation Sunday, February 25, 4-6pm

For St. Philip families, especially those with children age birth – 5th grade.

What will we do at Family Faith Formation?

- Play games!

- Learn a bible story!
- Kids and families can get to know each other better
- And families can practice sharing bible stories and fun together

This fun-filled opportunity will be led by Kelly Truax and Pastor David. Dinner for all will be served at 5:30pm and provided for you by a St. Philipian

The hope of this gathering is to provide regular time for families to gather in faith, fun and fellowship, much like the youth groups currently gather. There will not be childcare because kids of all ages are part of this gathering! Hope everyone can join in the fun!



## ADULT Faith Formation

**Faith in Real Life (Sundays, 10am, in the library)**



How do we live our faith in daily life? How do we understand the intersection of our faith with our social, political, and religious views? These are the

sorts of questions that are central to Faith in Real Life!

Join adults in the congregation as we hear from community leaders, members of our church, and “everyday” people discuss how they live their faith in real life.

All are invited for an open and positive format on Sunday morning as we work to build the bonds of fellowship and connect our faith with everyday life. The group meets every Sunday except for the second when they participate in Intergenerational Faith Formation. Please grab a cup of coffee in café and join the discussion.

## Youth News

(More details are available in your email and texts)

**Youth Group:** Both Middle School and High School Groups meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!



February:

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl of Caring
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl Party
- 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) – Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Middle School and High School Youth Groups

March

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Middle School and High School Youth Groups
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Middle School and High School Youth Groups
- 18<sup>th</sup> - ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting



### Home Communion Ministry - Bringing the Lord's Supper and Word to You

Liz Leonard

In the early years of the church, Christians would gather in homes to worship God and to celebrate Holy Communion. With Holy Communion Christ Jesus promises to be with us, connect us, forgive us, and empower us.

Since 2012 our church has highlighted the power and grace of the Lord's Supper through home communion ministry. This vital ministry is an additional opportunity to share the Sacrament of Communion with shut-ins, the sick, the elderly, and others who might be physically unable to get to church in order to participate in worship. We have discovered that this ministry is a wonderful way for the community at St. Philip to connect with Christ and each other.

The Home Communion Ministry Team is currently matching communion ministers with folks who need a visit. If you would like to be a communion minister please speak with Liz Leonard or Pastor David for more details. We can provide you everything you need for this important ministry.

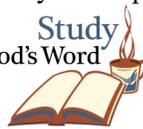
### Save the Date! Spring Blood Drive

The next St. Philip blood drive will be May 7 from 11:30am to 7:00pm. The last day you can donate blood elsewhere and still be eligible to donate at St. Philip is March 12.



### Monday Morning Bible Study, 9:30am-10:30am.

Study of scriptures that follow the Narrative Lectionary readings on Sunday morning. This is a great way for you to come to Sunday morning worship ready to be engaged with the word as the story is told. If you have not been a part of the Bible study crew now is the time to try it out. The crew meets in the church library.



### Come and Sing With Us for the Season of Lent

As the season of Lent begins, we start our preparation for the music of Palm Sunday and Easter. If you would like to be a part of our choir during this special time of the church year, please join us starting on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. During Lent, choir rehearsals are held on Tuesday nights so that our choir members have the opportunity to attend the Wednesday evening Lenten services. We would love to have you sing with us.



### Prayer Requests

*From time to time, please keep the church office informed of changes or deletions to the prayer list.*

- Scott Buchanan – Member
- Calvin Knotts – Member
- Judy Diekow – Member
- Kathryn Buchanan – Member
- Betty Hammond –Member
- Rev. Bob Ward—St. Philip Friend
- Bobbie Sahagun - Michaels' friend
- Kitty Nease - Member
- JoAnn Michael - Member
- Ruth Albertin - Juli Albertin's mother
- Rusty Johnson - Dolly Johnson's son
- Dolly Johnson - Member
- Forest Kanode - Kanodes' grandson
- Jamie Hinkle - Kanode's friend
- Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister
- Glenda Adkinson - Carol Goad's friend



### Birthdays

FEBRUARY

- Fritz Lovelace - 1
- Clara Johnston - 3
- Doug Layman - 4
- Leah Horine - 5
- Rob Erwin - 11
- Bradley Craig - 12
- Amy Lovelace - 12
- Luke Duncan – 24
- Skyler Hayth - 25
- Sharon Whetzel - 27
- JoAnn Michael - 28

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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Senior Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Laura J. Latham, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Kelly Truax, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteercoord@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant**  
**Jody Draper, Custodian**  
**Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool (preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net)**

**Church Council - 2017-2018**

Sue Huntington, Council President; Paul Henkel, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;  
Kari Callanan, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary  
Members: Nick Muir, Max Holland, Chuck Jecminek, Dan Horine,  
Dan Radmacher, Sarah Parker, and Candace Underwood

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

