

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE APRIL 2018



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Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 29, 10:00am. The congregation will be electing church council members. Please check your mail or email box for notice and more information including brief biographies of candidates running for church council.

It is so important for all of members to be a part of God's mission through St. Philip.

Italian Night and Silent Auction

Global Mission Team

It's no secret that the congregation at St. Philip enjoys sharing meals together. The Global Mission team is offering a chance to gather and break bread together with an authentic Italian meal. On Saturday, April 21 come for a dinner from 5:30 to 7:30pm and a silent auction.

The menu for this elegant evening will showcase delicious chicken parmesan and spaghetti with Grandma Jo's sauce, salad, bread, beverages, and Italian dessert choices. Advance ticket price is \$12.00 for adults and \$6 for children (age 12 and under). Tickets at the door will be \$15 for adults/\$8 for children. All proceeds from this elegant evening will benefit St. Philip's sister parish in Mponella, Africa as we continue to help our brothers and sisters there with food security assistance.



Come early for the silent auction. Bidding opens at 5:00pm. Items available in past years a signed ACC football, golf and lunch with Pastor David, a Taubman Family membership, Disney Tickets, gift baskets, and more. Admission to the silent auction only is free.



Advance dinner tickets may be purchased on Sunday mornings during Café or by stopping by the church office on weekday mornings. Please come help support our friends of the ELCM while enjoying a fun evening with friends and family in our own community.

Celebrate Generosity

Pastor David

The community at St. Philip embodies generosity in order that God's love would be made known in the world.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." With these words to the church in Rome, the apostle Paul puts into words the joy of the consecrated life of the Christian. Paul goes on to share that the people gathered as the body of Christ have many gifts. Gifted most assuredly describes St. Philip.

During the month of April pay attention to announcements and communications as we Celebrate Generosity together.





**Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018,
8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.**

This worship begins as we gather in front of the church (weather permitting) with the Procession of Palms, remembering the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem.

**Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018 – 6:00p.m.**

We gather in the fellowship hall for wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres. This night we remember the disciples gathered in the upper room for Passover and the Last Supper. After the meal, we will move to the sanctuary for Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar.

**Good Friday
March 30, 2018 - 7:00p.m.**

We gather in the sanctuary for the service of Tenebrae which means darkness. This service involves the reading of the Passion Story and the extinguishing of candles as we remember our Lord's suffering and

death, as well as the disciples' denial and flight.

**Easter Sunday Worship
April 1, 2018**

Easter Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m. (Outdoor Chapel)

Easter Festival Service
8:30 a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m.

Blood Drive

Debbie Kanode

May 7, 11:30 am - 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar to say "This is the day I will help save someone's life by donating blood."

In May we always think of Mother's Day and spring flowers that show new life that spring brings. Consider donating blood at our next blood drive

as a way to honor your mom, or someone that is important to you. Feel what it feels like to give new life to someone that is in need of blood to save their life.

The hope is to increase the number of donations during this drive. St. Philip is working with Red Cross with a PUMP IT UP CHALLENGE. Every unit of blood counts and now it's more critical than ever before. The need is great every day. Help us promote the

blood drive on social media, your place of work, and the community. Flyers and promotional materials will be available soon.



"IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE."



St. Philip Fellowship Fun on the Horizon!



Mark your calendar now for several fun events at St. Philip this year. You won't want to miss a single one!

Sunday, May 20 - Let's Luau! Potluck luncheon at noon. Find that Hawaiian shirt you haven't worn in ages and

enjoy beach music, limbo, leis, and prizes!

Sunday, August 19 - Variety Show and Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Start planning your "act" now! What talent do St. Philip members and friends have hiding in the woodwork?

Sunday, Nov 11 - What did Jesus eat? Mediterranean-themed potluck lunch at noon. Fun music, Bible trivia, and prizes to win!

Sunday, Dec 02 - Advent Potluck luncheon @ noon. Carol sing along, Advent wreath making, Family Christmas photo-op!

Saturday, Jan 19 - Chili Cook-Off Night and Hot Chocolate Bar @ 5:30 p.m. Perfect your favorite chili recipe, and come show it off! This will be a fun competition with real judges and great prizes!

Bless and Be Blessed

Laura J. Latham

One of my longstanding responsibilities is to be liaison between work study groups from Minnick Schools and St. Philip. It all began with Jonathan, a 20 year old, non-verbal man with a multitude of non-neurotypical diagnosis, including autism. He and his teacher came in to the building once a week to perform light janitorial duties. The idea of working with Jonathan made me nervous. I wasn't sure I'd be able to communicate with him, and I was afraid I'd unintentionally be insensitive.

One student and one teacher from the Starkey Road campus vacuuming the floors one hour a week quickly became a small handful of students and teachers twice a week. Then Minnick Schools Main campus asked they bring a group of students once a week. They brought five, each with his or her own teacher. Most recently, St. Philip once

again opened its doors to another group of people with special needs - clients at the day support program through Lutheran Family Services. They are folks who have disabilities or developmental disabilities and are 18 years or older.

So far as I can figure, in the last five years, twenty-five to thirty volunteers with developmental disorders have worked at St. Philip. These folks vacuum, clean windows, dust, shred papers, set up tables for events, take out the recycling for the church, put away chairs after the Chair Yoga group and Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Thursday evenings, stuff bulletins, and other odd jobs. They learn life skills that will help them be a productive part of our society.

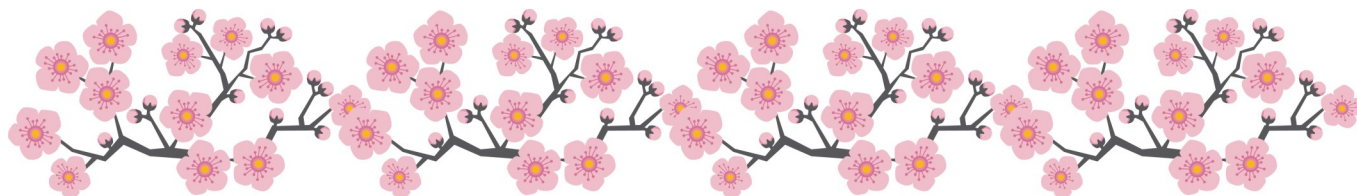
I learned communicating isn't an issue. Some students have iPads with pictures they can choose to express words or feelings. Some point or grunt.



Some have limited verbal words and sentences. I learned their mannerisms and their needs. I formed bonds with these folks. Sometimes, on a good day, when everything goes right, the ones who

are comfortable with touch give me a hug in greeting or farewell. Last week a gentleman from the day support program felt compelled to give me a hug and told me I have made him feel welcome at St. Philip.

I talk of my passion for feeding the hungry and being a good steward of God's creation. But God had other plans for me. God knew where I was most needed and where I'd be blessed. Each of these people have touched my heart in a way I can never express or understand. I see in their eyes that occasionally on a good day, I've been able to bless them as well.



Walking in Faith Together

Kelly Truax

Happy Spring everyone! I am not sure about you, but I am definitely looking forward to some warmer weather.

As the congregation is getting ready to start a new month, I would just like to remind everyone of some upcoming events. First is Family Faith Formation night on March 25 from 4-6pm. Pastor



David and I have been exploring some new options for Family faith Formation and would like to know how we can better serve and accommodate you and your family. He and I are open to any suggestions and opinions you may have on how to make Family Faith Formation work even better for you.

March 31 at 10am is St. Philip's Easter Egg hunt. Jen Shult and I are working together on this event and are excited to have fun with you and your families. All ages are welcome! There will be games, food and a super fun egg hunt!

Hope to see you all at these amazing events and look forward to hearing from you all! Once again, I am so thankful for your warmth and love you have shown to me so far! The love is felt and I admire your faith and love for one another.

Church Council News - March

Dan Radmacher

Church council met at 7 p.m. on March 13 in the library. Much of the conversation centered around transition plans and staffing.

Council looked over survey results and discussed the open forum to be held on March 18. Pastor David stressed that he did not want to rush into a staffing decision and asked council to think about whether a part-time interim pastor or some other medium-term staffing solution makes sense while the

church figures out what longer-term staffing solutions make the most sense.

The nominating committee has secured four candidates for council elections in April: Gary Dudley, Gary Sahm, Linda Hudson and Kathleen Radtke will run for the four two-year terms that are open. A youth representative will also be elected at a congregational meeting on April 29.

Pastor David announced that St. Philipians pledged at least \$45,000 to the Virginia Synod's Forwarding Faith Campaign, far exceeding the \$25,000 goal council had set.

Betty Holland agreed to take over as financial secretary for the church. Pastor David said a letter had been sent to Kari Callanan Harvey for her service in that position over the last five years. (See below).

A discussion about how to spend this year's endowment disbursement was put off until next month's meeting.

Council will meet again on April 10 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you Kari – Welcome Betty

A huge thank you to Kari Callanan Harvey for serving so faithfully as the St. Philip Financial Secretary for the

past 5 years. The Financial Secretary role is a quiet one but a very, very important one as financial offerings are accounted for in a responsible way. Well done Kari.

Thank you and welcome to Betty Holland who has been appointed by St. Philip Council to take on this role. Betty has great gifts of organization and administration that will serve so well as the new Financial Secretary.

The Growing Community at St. Philip

As a community of faith active in ministry, we expect to worship with zeal, serve the world with gladness, proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, and grow in faith. We also expect for our community to grow.

Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip three Sundays each year are designated as new member Sundays. On feast day of St. Philip on May 6, the congregation will celebrate the growing community at St. Philip.

You are a part of a growing community. Share your faith with

someone you know. Tell someone about the ministry that you are passionate about. Invite someone to worship. God's Spirit is moving through you.

If you are interested in joining the congregation at St. Philip please speak with Pastor David.

ELCA Youth Gathering

"This Changes Everything." The primary scripture for the ELCA Youth Gathering is Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ

has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

This summer, St. Philip sends 9 youth and Pastor David to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas where they will join with over 30,000 others from around the country. This will be a great faith-filled, fun-filled week (June 26- July 2) as children of



God called to serve with compassion, energy, and excitement.

Ultimately, St. Philip wants youth to understand the fierce love that God has for them, just as they are, and that by grace, through faith, they have been saved. When young people (or really any age person!) truly claim this reality, it indeed changes everything.

As the Gathering approaches please pray for our St. Philip group.

Family Faith Formation Sunday, April 22, 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
- Led by Kelly Truax and Pastor David
- Dinner for all at 5:30pm, 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!



Intergenerational Faith Formation

April 8 (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.

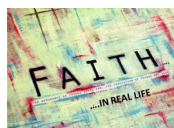
In celebration of Earth Day, come learn the Creation story and make wildflower seed bombs. If you'd like

to help with these in any way, please speak with Juli Albertin.



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? How do we live our faith in our jobs or community service? 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.

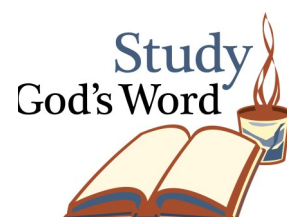
A big thank you to guest speaker Max Holland who spoke about Thrivent Financial on March 4.

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.

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.



Youth News

(More details are available in your email and texts)



Youth Group: Both Middle School and High School Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 4-6pm, with

dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!

April:
8th – Road clean up day! Middle School and High School Youth Groups both bring gloves and wear work clothes as we help clean up one of our local

roads. Meet at the church at 4pm return at 6pm.

15th – (4-5:30pm) – ELCA Youth Gathering meeting @ St. Mark Lutheran

15th (4-5:30pm) – Middle School Youth @ St. Philip – **NO DINNER SERVED**



Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, prayers, and good wishes following my fall and hospital stay. I am deeply grateful for my St. Philip family and the love they have always shown me through these many years.

In Christ,
Kathryn Buchanan

College Student Care Packages

St. Philip will send a care package to each of our 8 college/graduate students at the end of the spring semester (late April). Let's be sure that our college students know that just because they are away at school they are still in our thoughts and prayers. Parents, please let the church office know if your child has moved during this school year.



Childrens' Opportunity for Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation at St. Philip happens in multiple ways. During Sunday morning worship services kids participate in the central communal act of god's people, worshipping together! On the second Sunday of each month, there is opportunity for ALL to come together between worship services for Intergenerational Faith Formation (page 6). And on the fourth Sunday of each month in the afternoon Family Faith Formation allows families to celebrate and fellowship together in faith and fun. (page 6).



Families are encouraged to check their emails on Thursday or Fridays each week for a faithful perspective of the upcoming week's scripture lesson and a children's activity sheet. This is a great way for parents to introduce Bible study at home. Many thanks to Lynn Erwin for writing these notes each week.

On Sunday mornings, 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.

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! Let the little children come!

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

APRIL

Marlene Craig	2
Ginnie Karkenny	4
Charleigh Robertson	6
Earlene Davis	7
Bill Diekow	7
Sharon Miller	9
John Hudson	15
Barbara Simpson	17
Griffin Horachek	14
Garth McNeill	19
Donna Wright	19
Jean Farrell	25
Lynda Reckling	26
Carol Goad	27
Glenn Craig	29

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St. Philip Lutheran Church
8115 Williamson Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

Change Service Requested

St. Philip Youth 17th Annual Golf Tournament
September 29, 2018
at Botetourt Golf and Swim Club
Plan now to get a group of golfers together or speak to
your favorite local business about sponsoring a hole or a
tee.

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;
Betty Holland, 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



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