

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 2018



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## 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.

## State of the Parish

*Pastor David and Sue Huntington, Council President*

Ministry is alive at St. Philip! We are planning and praying, discerning and discovering the best possible ways for ministry to continue in great ways but also grow and be strengthened. Your St. Philip leadership is dedicated to empowering our ministry together as we work toward staffing the ministry we live in the most effective ways. We also are committed to communicate well as these processes and conversations unfold.

Where are we now? Because this community of faith is exceptionally gifted and has admirably stepped into ministry gaps so much continues. Over 20 people have either added new responsibilities in areas where they currently serve or have taken on completely new tasks. They are too many to name specifically, but I am most grateful.

We also are utilizing the talents of our Office Administrator Laura Latham and new Volunteer Coordinator Kelly Truax. Laura is helping to organize ministry including ensuring that communication happens through multiple platforms, scheduling ongoing activities, as well as additional responsibilities in preparation for worship. Kelly is connecting people to ministry with a current focus on planning family faith formation and intergenerational faith formation.

What's next? Your St. Philip church council is putting together a survey to gather input from the congregation. The hope is to get feedback that considers two differing aspects for faithfully staffing ministry into the future. We will need your help: Share with us the best ways to communicate with you and hear your input. **Please also make plans to be present at an open forum conversation on Sunday, March 18 at 10am to ask questions, make comments, and engage in dialogue about what is next for St. Philip.**

Determining what is our collective priority as we think about not just getting stuff done but also what helps us best live like Christ through our church community (Hear echoes of our tag line "Live Like That") To stir your thoughts, your leadership at St. Philip would share with you the following breakdown of at least some of the possibilities.

Staffing Strategy	Pros	Cons
Call new, part time Associate Pastor	Regular preaching/leading worship support. Provide pastoral presence at ministry activities.	Nationwide shortage and locally several long term pastoral vacancies. Could be cost prohibitive.
Invite a seminary intern	Opportunity to give a pastor-in-training invaluable experience. Preaching/Leading worship support.	1 year only. May require more or less work to mentor depending on candidate.
Hire Administrative Support	Targets specific needs - e.g. volunteer recruitment, marketing expertise, organizing skills.	Narrower scope

Please know that St. Philip church council sees this time as an exciting one to ensure St. Philip continues to be a fantastic community of faith for years to come.



## Lent 2018 Schedule

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 preceded by Soup and Bread at 6:00p.m.



### 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.

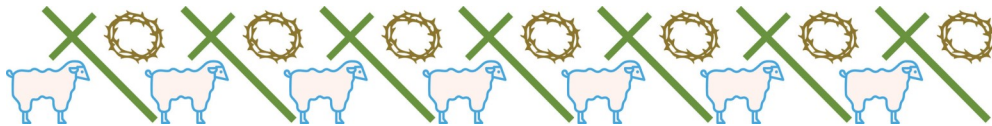
We gather in the sanctuary for the service of Tenebrae which means darkness. This service involves the reading of the Passion Story and the extinguishing of candles as we remember our Lord's suffering and death, as well as the disciples' denial and flight.

### 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.



### Live Like that – Extend an Easter Invitation

Even as we live through a reflective and confessional time during the season of Lent, remember St. Philip will celebrate boldly God's promise made real through the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is alive, and that indeed is good news.

One important way is by way of extending invitation. Easter is Sunday, April 1st. For many who are not connected to a worshipping community it is often at Easter time that God's



Spirit is moving in a way that at least raises some questions of curiosity. For many the last impediment to seeing what this "Christian stuff" is

all about can be overcome with a simple invitation.

This Easter extend an invitation to a friend, a co-worker, an extended family member, an acquaintance, or even a stranger to come to St. Philip on Easter Sunday. Then get out of the way and let God's Holy Spirit take over. The love God demonstrates in the death and resurrection of Jesus – its worth sharing.

## Global Missions Italian Night and Silent Auction

Cathy Dudley

*Buona Sera!!!* A fun “Italian Style” evening is coming this spring!

On Saturday April 21, the Global Mission Team at St. Philip will be hosting a fundraising event at St. Philip Lutheran from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will benefit St. Philip’s sister parish in Malawi, Africa to continue helping



will proudly showcase a delicious chicken parmesan dish with salad, bread, beverage, and Italian dessert choices for the advance ticket price of \$15 adult/\$7 children (age 12 and under). Tickets at the door will be \$18 adult/\$9 children.

neighbors there with food security assistance.

Come and enjoy a taste of Italy! The menu

Allow yourself plenty of shopping time before dinner. Items from local businesses as well as theme baskets will be available for your silent auction bids. Silent auction items in the past have included a signed ACC football helmet, Disney tickets, Virginia Tech memorabilia, golf and lunch with the pastor, and a family membership to Taubman Museum of Art.

Look for more details and ticket sales soon!

## 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 St. Philip Lutheran 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. 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. The team leaders can provide you everything you need for this important ministry.



## What? No Choir?

You have probably noticed that there is not always a choir singing for “your” worship service. What’s up with that?



In order for the entire choir to have the opportunity to sing together more often, the choir worship schedule was adjusted. This also allows for a larger selection of music to enhance worship because there are more voices blending together. On the

second Sunday of the month, everyone in choir sings for the 8:30 service and there is NO choir for the 11:00 service. Then on the fourth Sunday of the month, there is NOT a choir for the 8:30 service, but the entire choir is singing for worship at 11:00.

## Sunday March 8 is International Women's Day!

Pastor David

As a pastor’s kid people are often surprised to learn that the most influential person in my faith development was my mother. I remember her teaching me the Lord’s Prayer, together memorizing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, and playing a game called Beatitude Bingo that lifted up Jesus’s

sermon on the mount. My mother was one of many women who have been powerful influences in my life!

Sunday, March 8 is International Women’s Day and it is a fantastic time to acknowledge the incredibly powerful giftedness of women.

At St. Philip we will particularly lift up



the giftedness of women in our prayers. As a part of that petition I would encourage you to speak the

name of an influential women in your own life. The connection can be personal, public, or a hero of the past. Be thinking about someone influential for you.

## Ministry All Around

Laura J. Latham

Wow! St. Philip has been alive with ministry the first 6 weeks of 2018: Souper Bowl of Caring, Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner, *Forwarding Faith*, Elijah's Backpack, St. Philip Preschool, Lenten worship services, Witnessing Paws and more! Every day there are volunteers and congregation members in the building active in inreach and outreach. As part of my new role at St. Philip, it's my honor and pleasure to work with folks more closely to make ministry happen.

While you are in the building through the week for ministry, worship, or service to our community, please check out the screens on the wall in the gathering space and near the kitchen in the hallway. The goal is to run a slideshow on these screens daily to welcome members and guests in our building and to remind folks of upcoming events in our congregation and among the Hollins area. I've been

putting together these slides as I finalize announcements, so if you would like to include information about your ministry, please let me know by noon on Thursdays.

If you haven't been a part of Adult Faith Formation yet, now is a great time to start. The Adult Faith Formation class Faith in Real Life has refocused to bring in folks both from within the congregation and outside the congregation to speak on how they live out their faith "in real life."

Upcoming guests are Max Holland with Thrivent Financial; Pastor Chris Bowen, chaplain at Roanoke College, and Drs. Bruce and Cynda Johnson of Virginia Tech School of Medicine. I am coordinating guest speakers for this class and would love to hear your ideas of folks who might want to have conversation with the Adult Faith Formation.

Did you see the big tower of peanut butter in the fellowship hall? At the time I'm writing this, there have been

450 jars of peanut butter collected to feed hungry children in our area. I expect we will exceed the goal of 600 jars. This challenge by the Elijah's Backpack coordinators was one of my first big projects in my newly expanded role, and I'm so excited to be reminded how generous the people of St. Philip are.



*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

There are many things that happen behind the scenes I've been working on as well - coordinating with Judy Burnette, the Worship Band, and Pastor David on programming and Sunday worship preparation; working with Kelly Truax on identifying spiritual gifts of folks in the congregation; and communicating with Rod Dillman on property care.

Many thanks to all those folks who are making ministry happen!

## Walking in Faith Together

Kelly Truax

Happy February everyone! I have enjoyed these past few weeks getting to know many of you and reconnecting with many familiar faces! As volunteer coordinator, I am exploring different



and help grow our faith. Family Faith Formation is a great way for us to

ideas on how to better connect us and our families to each other

connect, amongst many endless opportunities for us to learn and grow together. I am thankful for you all and am enjoying sharing life with you. Please do not hesitate to share your ideas or find me and ask how we can work together. Let's do faith together!



## Congregational Open Forum

Sue Huntington

Everyone is invited and encouraged to be a part of an open forum on Sunday, March 18th starting at 10am in the

sanctuary. The intent of this gathering is to provide some space for good dialogue as St. Philip considers options for staffing into the future. Please check out the State of the Parish article in this newsletter (page 1) and mark

your calendars for March 18th to bring your questions, comments, hopes, and dreams to this very important time of discernment in our life together at St. Philip.



## Church Council News - February

*Dan Radmacher*

Church council met January 30 at 6p.m. in the church library. Much of the meeting continued discussions about the staffing transition and bigger picture thoughts about how best to devote staffing resources to fulfill the mission and ministries of St. Philip.

Pastor David reported that the temporary staffing situation — an increase in Office Administrator Laura Latham's hours and the hiring of Kelly Miller Truax to work part-time as a volunteer coordinator — has helped, though some communications issues are still being worked out.

While the picture of what a permanent staffing solution will look like remains unclear, council agreed it would be good to have that in place by July — which many agreed was an ambitious timetable. Council President Sue Huntington agreed to work with council member Max Holland on developing a congregational survey to help gather input from the congregation as council moves forward.

In other business, a nominating committee was put together in anticipation of an April congregational meeting. Outgoing council members Max Holland and Dan Radmacher agreed to serve on the committee, which will also include Pastor David, Garth McNeil and Liz Leonard. The committee will come up with

nominees for four council members and one youth representative. (see below)

Council decided to give \$800 to St. Mark's Lutheran Church to help defray some of the costs for last year's Reformation celebration service and Oktoberfest. Poor weather depressed community attendance and left the church about \$1,600 in the red for the event.

Pastor David reported that Kari Callanan Harvey would be resigning as the church's financial secretary as soon as we can find a replacement for her.

The next council meeting will be on March 13 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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## Nominating Committee for Church Council

Each April the community at St. Philip elects leaders to serve as a part of the church council. Church council serves the congregation as the primary

decision making body for our community. A nominating committee has been formed to help identify some potential people to serve in this incredibly important role. Serving on the nominating committee are: Max Holland, Dan Radmacher, Liz

Leonard, Garth McNeil, and Pastor David. If you would like to be nominated or would like the committee to consider a gifted member of this community speak with any of these individuals.

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## Take Action On A Cause You Care About!

*Pastor David and Maribeth Shermer*

St. Philip is a community of faith ACTIVE in ministry. I hear that comment all the time from colleagues, other churches in our community, neighbors, and friends. I love that people around us have noticed and I truly hope that the activity among us points directly to the God who loves us unconditionally.

Let's not stop! Let's stay ACTIVE! Let's keep exploring where God is calling us to LOVE, FEED, SERVE!

As we are active in ministry, you should know that Thrivent Financial Services, a Lutheran fraternal organization that provides financial planning, wants to help. Many of you

have used Thrivent's services and by way of that partnership are "Thrivent Members".

It starts with an idea. Is there an unmet need that you want to impact? Why not bring a team together and take action - a one-time fundraiser, service activity or education event that can be completed within 90 days.

Thrivent will help you get started, it's easy! It's called an Action Team and it's a benefit of membership. Members can request up to \$500 per year, in amounts of \$250 per request.

Several St. Philip folks have already taken advantage of this program to provide food and transportation for our holiday feasts, but there are grants available for much, much more. The hope and goal is that there might be at

least two Thrivent sponsored events a month.

A short questionnaire to receive thoughts, ideas, and any other forms of feedback from Thrivent members and other folks in the congregation will be emailed out sometime in March. Your ideas and opinions are encouraged and appreciated.

If you would like to learn more about putting together an Action Team If you would like to have a conversation regarding this new and exciting endeavor please speak with Maribeth Schermer or Pastor David. How great would it be for this active congregation to LOVE, FEED, and SERVE with a little seed money to help the cause?



## Family Faith Formation Sunday, March 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
- 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

**March 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 celebration of babies everywhere, we'll learn about baby

Moses and create baby kits for Roanoke Women's Shelter. 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.

## 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 speakers in February - Cindy Fielder, Dolly

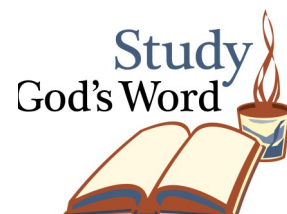
Johnson, Margaret Mitchell, and Sybille Nelson.

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 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!!



March:

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Day Youth Retreat for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Eagle Eyrie  
4<sup>th</sup> – Middle School and High School Youth Groups Regular Schedule  
18<sup>th</sup> (4-5:30pm) – ELCA Youth Gathering meeting @ College Lutheran  
18<sup>th</sup> (4-5:30pm) – Middle School Youth @ St. Philip –**NO DINNER SERVED**

31<sup>st</sup> (9:30am – Noon) – St. Philip Easter Egg Hunt  
April:  
8<sup>th</sup> – Middle School and High School Youth Groups Regular Schedule  
15<sup>th</sup> – (4-5:30pm) – ELCA Youth Gathering meeting @ Christ Lutheran  
15<sup>th</sup> (4-5:30pm) – Middle School Youth @ St. Philip –**NO DINNER SERVED**

## Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner - Thank you!



Thank you, thank you for your support of the Youth Group Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner!! Your generous support helps the youth raise funds for various youth retreats for all ages and for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Thank you!!

## Souper Bowl of Caring – Thank you!!

The youth group thanks you for the innumerable amount of food items that were donated during the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected almost 1000 grocery items for St. Mark Food Pantry as well as \$1113.80 for Feeding America Southwest Virginia, far exceeding the challenge laid down by the youth! Thank you greatly for your help in supporting St. Mark's Food Pantry and Feeding America Southwest Virginia. We could not have done it without you.



Sincerely,  
The youth of St. Philip Lutheran Church

## 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

#### MARCH

Reece Derrick – 1  
Linda Hudson - 1  
Keith Brown-2  
Louisa Britt – 4  
Johnny Davis - 5  
Liz Leonard – 5  
Annie Underwood - 7  
Katryn Lawson - 4  
Gary Waldron- 10  
Polly Kanode – 12  
Dan Horine - 17  
Elizabeth Horine - 18  
Jacob Clark – 20  
Erica Hayth – 25  
Kristian Schult – 25  
Ryan Reiter - 27  
Kali Edsall - 25

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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Senior Pastor** ([pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net))  
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**Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries** ([music@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:music@stphiliplutheran.net))  
**Kelly Truax, Volunteer Coordinator** ([volunteercoord@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:volunteercoord@stphiliplutheran.net))  
**Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant**  
**Jody Draper, Custodian**  
**Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool** ([preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto: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

