

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MAY 2018



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Summer Worship Schedule

One worship service at **9:30am** begins on Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend).

Summer Newsletter

A reminder there will be ONE newsletter for June/July. The newsletter deadline is May 15. If you are part of a mission team or group in the congregation that looks at the newsletter as a way to communicate with the congregation, please consider including news that will include information through the first of August.

Celebrate Generosity

Stewardship Team

I Love Sharing!

On Sunday, April 29th we culminated our stewardship emphasis Celebrate Generosity with Consecration Sunday. Leading up to the 29th it was exciting to discover together the ways we love sharing our time, talents, and treasures too. We truly celebrate those things as we practice generosity for the sake of Jesus and resurrection good news. And it is together that we practice generosity in a way that ensures the ministry we share blossoms and bears even more fruit.

Thank you to all who estimated the financial resources they will share in the coming year. For those who have not yet done so, it is not too late to participate in this faithful and rewarding experience. If you still need a commitment card and reply envelope, please contact Max Holland at 966-4325. If you need to change your giving electronically visit our web site and use the Give Now button. God is indeed generous and together, so are we!



Camp Caroline Furnace Campership Fundraising Raffle

Help send 20 kids to Camp Caroline Furnace and maybe win some camp equipment of your own!



Support the Camp Caroline Furnace Campership Program by purchasing a raffle ticket (or more!) Win one of 2 baskets worth \$250 each and packed with camping or picnic supplies. Raffle tickets will be sold starting March 29 and are \$5 dollars a ticket or five tickets for \$20. See Genie Brown for yours.

The first “basket” contains a blue Yeti Roadie 20 cooler, two 14oz Ramble Mugs, and several surprises.

The second “basket” is a collapsible insulated picnic basket for four with lots of goodies. Check out the flyers around the building for all the items in this basket.

You have a choice of baskets. Winning tickets will be drawn May 20, and winner will be notified by phone.

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.”



Luau Luncheon

Aruba, Jamaica, ooh I wanna take ya. Bermuda, Bahama, come on pretty mama!

Who’s ready for a beach party?! Start brushing up on your hula hoop and

limbo skills, and dig out that Hawaiian shirt that hasn’t seen the light of day in way too long! Let’s Luau on Sunday, May 20 in the Fellowship Hall with a potluck luncheon! The fun begins at noon.

Bring food to share, and come enjoy the music, games, fellowship, and great prizes!

If you’d like to help with set up and decorating, or with games, please contact Sarah Melendy or Kelly Truax.

And mark your calendars now for the next fun and fellowship event on Sunday, August 19 - variety show and dinner. Start planning your act now!

Use and Care of our Sacred Space

Laura J. Latham

Among my many duties is building care and facilitation. This covers everything from contacting maintenance coordinator Rod Dillman about a leaking faucet to ordering kitchen and janitorial supplies to keeping scheduling events on the church calendar.



If you notice a maintenance need, please call me during office hours (9am to 1pm) or contact Rod Dillman.

There is a chart of most used janitorial and kitchen supplies on the side of the refrigerator in the kitchen. If you notice something is running low or if there is something needed, please put it on the list for me to order. I check the list a couple times a week.

St. Philip continues to be an active building. When planning a ministry or personal event, please contact me in the church office to put that event on the church calendar. With increased building use the last few years, even if your building use needs are setting up or preparing for a ministry event, it’s important to schedule those with me first to verify the building is not already in use. You can also check the church calendar on the website at <http://www.stphililutheran.net/calendar>.

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.

Church Council News - April

Dan Radmacher

Council met April 10 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Preparation for the congregational meeting/focus group session dominated the discussion. Council narrowed down three questions to focus on during the group sessions.

After that session, council hopes a vision for where the church goes next and how best to staff for that will be clearer, so that a timeline can be developed.

Council discussed the 2017 endowment disbursement, and decided to allocate it as follows:

- \$3,000 for a donation to Lutheran Family Services that will be matched by an anonymous donor
- \$1,000 for supporting Matt Leonard's seminary education
- \$2,000 to fund a scholarship for Global Mission's upcoming trip to Malawi.
- \$4,000 for capital improvements
- \$6,000 to develop and fund social media work

Dan Radmacher agreed to work on coming up with a strategy for improving St. Philip's social media outreach to better communicate the church's mission, ministries and activities. This may involve hiring someone well versed in social media, as well as paying to boost social media posts.

Pastor David thanked outgoing council members Candace Underwood, Max Hollins, Paul Henkel, Dan Radmacher and Nick Muir.

The next council meeting will be May 8 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Attention Thrivent members!

Donna Spradlin

Did you know that as a Thrivent member you have access to \$250 of funding for community service activities? Called Thrivent Action Teams, this program is a wonderful gift Thrivent shares with our faith community!

There is an online form to complete that is very short. It asks for a name of your event, a short paragraph on who it will benefit and what you intend to purchase, and then asks if you need thank you letters and marketing/advertisement types of things from Thrivent. It takes maybe five minutes to complete. Thrivent approves your request and then sends you a packet with the items you have asked for and a \$250 gift card for you to utilize. Do our event, and write back to Thrivent about its success. It is really that simple.

And as Thrivent a member you get to do this twice a year! Every single one



Thrivent member could be taking advantage of this opportunity for extra money to help folks in the St. Philip community. Whether it be buying music for Christmas caroling, toiletries for veterans, diapers for shelter babies, paying for gas to help mow lawns for shut ins, or building a ramp for handicapped individual, there are so many things where these funds can be used to help others.

My husband Chuck and I are excited to have participated already to fund the seed bombs to provide flowers in the Hollins area. For May, folks who attend Intergenerational Faith Formation (10am on Sunday, May 13) will provide cards and needed items to veterans at the VA hospital. Chuck and I are blessed to be able to provide

some small comforts for others. Thank you Thrivent!

Other St. Philip ministries that have benefited from Thrivent Action Team money so far in 2018 are the youth group with a fund raising flower sales project, the Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner, Global Mission's Italian Night & Silent Auction, the Easter Egg Hunt, and care packages for college students. How could you use your Thrivent Action Team money.

For ideas, see one of the committee members that have been identified to help set up and use these micro-grants from Thrivent: Maribeth Schermer, committee lead (mschermer10@gmail.com); Max Holland (maxhollandcu@gmail.com); Jodi Henrickson (jodirose@infionline.net); and, Donna Spradlin (dsprad@live.com). The committee will be happy to assist in any way possible to encourage your development of a Thrivent Action Team.

Family Faith Formation Sunday, May 27, 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

May 13 (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.

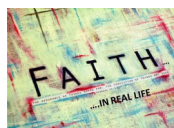
In celebration of our veterans, there will be an opportunity to make cards for veterans at the VA Center. The

Bible story focus will be the return of the Prodigal Son. If you'd like to help with these in any way, please speak with Juli Albertin or Kelly Truax.



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 April guest speakers Danielle Murray, Drs. Bruce

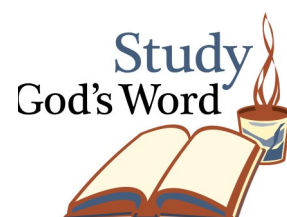
and Cynda Johnson, and Pastor Chris Bowen.

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!!

May:

6th – Middle School and High School Youth Groups Regular Schedule

20th (4-6:00pm) – ELCA Youth Gathering meeting @ Wheatland Lutheran

20th (4-5:30pm) – Middle

School Youth @ St. Philip –
NO DINNER SERVED

June:

4th (3:30-6:30pm) – Trampoline Park!!

8th – 10th (Fri – Sun) – Youth Assembly; at Roanoke College



Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 20 St. Philip will celebrate the festival of Pentecost at both worship services. It will be a great time to remember and celebrate the power of God's Holy Spirit being breathed into the church. The worship team is planning an inspiring worship, so please make plans to be at St. Philip for worship on the May 20.

AND it is on Pentecost Sunday that the congregation celebrates with the youth their time of confirmation. Confirmation is a chance for young people who after study and conversation seek to publicly affirm their baptism. This is their chance to say out loud I believe! This year celebrate with Bradley Craig, Jacob Schult, Elizabeth Horine, and Nathan Radmacher. Confirmation will be happening at the 8:30am worship service.

New Members and Brunch

St. Philip will receive new members on Sunday, May 6 at both worship services. If you are interested in joining the congregation, please see Pastor David.

On Saturday, May 5 at 10am the Hospitality Team will host a brunch the newest new members of the church. If you joined in 2017 or 2018 or anticipate joining soon, please come to this brunch. It will be a fun opportunity to learn more about the various ministries and programs at St. Philip, as well as a chance to get acquainted with members of the church council.

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

MAY

Cathy Dudley - 1
Piper Hayth - 4
Amanda Horine - 6
Madison Merrill - 6
Shannon Radmacher - 6
Kevin Britt - 7
Abby Mellon - 12
Madison Horacek - 13
Emma Stanley - 16
Patti Henkel - 18
Tina Waldron - 19
Ellie Forbes - 20
Neeley, David 05/20
Bill Wilhelm - 21
Pete Shick - 23
Scottie Mccutchen - 24
Gary Dudley - 27
Anna Radtke - 27
Jessica Monroe - 30

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8115 Williamson Road
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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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