

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE AUGUST 2018



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Summer Worship Schedule

One worship service at **9:30am** until Sunday, September 2.



Announcing Congregational Picnic

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 9**. Bring your chairs, blankets, and most especially your whole family, for a good old traditional picnic. Picnic time will start at 4:00 p.m. and will be a great time for fellowship and fun. Be sure to make plans to attend.

Come and See – Come With Me

St. Philip is a vibrant faith filled community! For the sake of Jesus and for the sake of Christ's kingdom we model, share and boldly proclaim the faith. God continues to send new folks to this church and we are grateful. On September 9th the congregation will officially receive new members at St. Philip. If you are interested in joining the congregation please speak with Pastor David. It is so exciting for this community to grow.



Please do show great hospitality to all who are new AND keep extending invitations to come and see what is happening at St. Philip. Invite someone to come with you for worship this Sunday.

Preschool News

Danielle Murray

As the summer camp program is wrapping up, the staff of St. Philip Lutheran Preschool is excitedly looking forward to the beginning of our 2018-2019 school year. The teachers have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last eight weeks with campers learning and exploring and creating. A special thank you to summer camp helpers Patrick Reiter, Kayleigh Murray, Jackson Truax, Gracie Truax and Charlee Truax!



Preschool Back to School night was held on July 31 for all families of new and returning students. All the teachers will be returning this upcoming year and the first day of school for the 2018-2019 academic year is August 20. This vital and longest running ministry of St. Philip anticipates ministering to over 35 families, and physically occupies four classrooms, the fellowship hall, the kitchen, and the playground during the school day, which runs from 9:00am to 1pm.

Many thanks for your smiles, encouragement, and patience when you see children and teachers during your time in the building each week. It means so much that you continue to support and bless this ministry into its sixth decade!

Day of Service

Linda Rhodes

On Sunday, August 26, St. Philip will once again provide a picnic for the residents at Melrose Towers. They appreciated last summer's picnic so much, the staff have asked St. Philip if they might return this year.

The menu will be hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings. There will also be opportunity for bingo and other games. The residents love receiving prizes of toiletries, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and paper towels



God's work.
Our hands.

– items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. There are many opportunities to participate in the Day of Service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or talk with Linda Duncan Rhodes.

Backpack Blessing on August 12th

With the school year starting, St. Philip will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 12 at 9:30am. All children,

youth, and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church for this time of prayer and blessing for the new school year. Consider inviting your friends or teachers you know to come and have their backpacks blessed as we ask for God's blessing for all teachers and

students. Let's have a big pile of backpacks and a great start to a year of learning.



Global Missions Yard Sale & Take Out Chicken Dinner

Donna Wright

On October 13 Global Missions will sponsor a yard sale and take out chicken dinner.



(Please do NOT bring your items to the church for storage).

small fee. Global Ministry will also host a table and will be looking for donations for it later in the fall.

the bulletin, newsletter and on signs around church.

More information will be available in September. If you have questions before then, contact Judy Brammer or Donna Wright.

The yard sale will be held from 8am to noon. You may rent table space for a

Gather your no longer needed valuables and watch for more details in

St. Philip Lutheran 17th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 29th, 1pm at Botetourt Golf and Swim Club

Register by Sept. 15th - \$260 per team/ \$65 per golfer

St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part of St. Philip's 17th annual golf tournament. The tournament serves as the primary fundraiser for our youth ministries. Please, please consider putting together a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play.

Please, please also consider sponsoring a hole, asking your employer to

sponsor a hole, or donating a prize to go to tournament participants. Registration forms and sponsorship information are in the gathering space (narthex). If you have any questions ask Amanda Horine or Pastor David.



Music Notes

Judy Burnette

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer choir rehearsals and singing for worship twice a month will soon come to an end. It has been a lot of fun and the



Sing a new Song

choir would LOVE to have YOU join in. Starting on September 5, choir rehearsals return to the weekly schedule of Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

During the church year, the entire choir does not sing for every service. The schedule is somewhat flexible. If you like what the choir does, please come and check it out. There is ALWAYS a place for YOU!!

Intergenerational Faith Formation

Laura J. Latham

Celebrate and learn in faith with St Philip’s very youngest and very oldest and everyone in between. **ALL** ages of the congregation will come together on the second Sunday of each month 10am for faith formation. The first meeting will be September 9.

The group will gather in the fellowship hall for a bible story and a service project. What better way to help guide the young leaders of the congregation in learning about how to minister to others in our community? What better way to be ministered to?

September’s service project will be decorating Mason jars to be given to

folks at the Carilion Hospice Program.

Please come be a part of this exciting way to connect with your church family and to grow in faith.



Adult Faith Formation

Laura J. Latham

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!



a time for reflection and discussion called “God Moments.” There will be four standard questions to help prompt and facilitate conversation.

The second Sunday of each month is dedicated to coming together with all generations of the congregation in an intergenerational faith formation. (See the article above.)

Beginning September 9 at 10am, Adult Faith Formation begins with new adaptive programming designed to allow you to connect with your church community as well as the broader community of faith.

The first Sunday of each month will be

On the third and fourth Sundays, guests from both within the congregation and members of the greater community will join the class to discuss how faith shapes their call in life. Guests include Roanoke City Vice-Mayor Joe Cobb; George Edwards of Meals on Wheels, Debbie Kanode, St. Philip Blood Drive Coordinator; .and

Virginia Vann, Elijah’s Backpack Board Chair.

Bonus: On Sunday, September 30 (a fifth Sunday), Pastor David will host an “ask the pastor” session. Come that morning armed with all your burning questions.

All discussions will be in the library, except Intergenerational Faith Formation, which meets in the fellowship hall.

All adults are invited for this open and positive format on Sunday morning to build the bonds of fellowship and connect faith with everyday life. Please grab a cup of coffee in café and join the discussion.

Church Council News - June

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Church Council met on June 12 in the library. After devotions led by Sue Huntington, Pastor David welcomed the Rev Paul Henrickson to the council meeting. Rev Henrickson attended to serve as resource to help the congregation through the process of finding and meeting our needs and goals for a mission filled future.

Pete Shick distributed copies of the Treasurer’s report through end of month May 31, 2018. May’s receipts were \$19,033.

Council spent much of the meeting discussing staffing transition the reports of the focus groups held during

the April Congregational Meeting. Rev Henrickson suggested Pastor David compile a list of five things he would never tire of doing if he had the freedom and report these to council at their next meeting.

Council decided it was time to move forward and inform the congregation of where we are in the transition process. A date for a congregational open forum was set for July 29 at 10:45am.

Pastor David reported Kelly Truax would not continue as contract staff after the end of June. He reported Laura Latham continues to work 30 hours per week. Pastor David reported he has been working to find a person to

contract with to assist with Youth/ Family Ministry.

Pastor David reported that eight Roanoke Valley Lutheran Churches have applied for a grant from the Lilly Foundation for a regional youth staff person. The belief is youth ministry is done best cooperatively. He also provided the dates he would be out of the office and pulpit this summer for the ELCA Youth Gathering and vacation.

Council agreed there would be no scheduled council meeting in July. Any business needing immediate attention could be handled via e-mail. The next Council meeting will be August 14 at 7pm in the library.



Monday Morning Bible Study

Pastor David

Monday mornings 9:30am-10:30am. Bible Study will kick off again starting Monday, September 10th.

Just show up on September 10th to study the scriptures you will hear the following 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.



Christmas in August Variety Show and Dinner

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Announcing a festive twist to the upcoming Variety Show on August 19 - a Holiday themed with surprises you don't want to miss!

The fun begins at 5:30pm. Ham and Turkey will be provided. Let's see how many "varieties" of holiday side dishes there will be! There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

AND don't forget to register your act with Sarah Melendy or Cathy Dudley.

Property Notes

Laura J. Latham

There is a new latch on the large kitchen closet in the fellowship hall and on the janitor's closet in the hallway. These closets store several things that could be dangerous to St. Philip's youngest members and preschool students. For the safety of the children who occupy the building, please keep these latches closed at all times.

Help be a good steward of the church's and God's resources. To adjust the thermostats in any of the "zones" of the building, push the up or down arrows only. **Please do NOT push the hold button.**

Roanoke County fire code requires all items must be stored 36 inches away from a hot water heater. Please do not place anything in the blue taped off areas in the kitchen closet.

Finally, as you have opportunity please walk up the hill to the scattering garden and look at the good work Rhonda Wilhelm, Cindy Fielder, Donna Wright, Cathy Dudley, and Mary Jo and Gary Sahn did pulling weeds, planting new foliage and making minor repairs.



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
- Jerry Falk - member



Birthdays

AUGUST

- Ruth Farmer – 5
- Patrick Reiter - 8
- Justin Fielder - 14
- Bob Hartman - 16
- Carol Dillman – 17
- Lori Clark – 19
- Nora Rauer - 23
- Seth Gruver – 24
- Brian Johnston – 25
- Keith Schultz, Jr. – 27
- Cindy Fielder - 28
- Sybille Nelson - 31

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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)
Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian
Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool (preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net)

Church Council - 2018-2019

Sue Huntington, Council President; Dan Horine, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Betty Holland, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary

Members: Gary Dudley, Chuck Jecminek, Elizabeth Reiter, Sarah Parker, Kathleen Radtke, Gary Sahn, Justin Craig

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

