

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JANUARY 2019



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Winter Weather Policy

When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made on WDBJ7 and WSL5 Newschannel 10, the church 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.

Lessons and Carols

Continue celebration of the Christmas Season on the First Sunday of Christmas with **ONE worship service at 9:30am**. Listen to the Christmas story and sing carols meaningful to the season.

Disciples On The Move – Live Like That Mobile

Pastor David

Because our lives of faith are lives of faith everywhere we go, boldly proclaim that you are connected to the community of faith at St. Philip. Boldly proclaim that you joyfully live out your faith. Recently, a St. Philippian said to me that they do not want to brag about what we do at St. Philip, but perhaps we should share more intentionally how God is active in and through this community of faith. St. Francis once said, “Preach the gospel at all times. Use words when necessary.” You are invited to at least start some of those conversations by putting a St. Philip Live Like That window cling on the back of your car.

St. Philip window clings are available in the gathering space. We are disciples on the move – let’s cover our vehicles showing the Roanoke Valley that we are people who Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve.



Welcome Bryan Katz

Pastor David

Starting January 14 St. Philip welcomes Bryan Katz as diaconal intern. Bryan is dually enrolled as a student at the Institute for Lutheran Theology and Luther Seminary in Minneapolis pursuing a degree equipping him to be a minister of word and service. This role in the church is varied and differs from a pastor in that deacons most often serve their calling with specific gifts often primarily outside of the worship setting. For example, deacons will serve as parish nurses, or ministers of music, or in areas of advocacy all with the underpinnings of a seminary education. Bryan’s passion is connecting communities of faith in the digital age. I am excited to see how Bryan’s passions will connect with St. Philip.

The duration of the internship will be for a year and will be unique in that part of the learning experience will be in a congregational setting here at St. Philip, while the second part will be in campus ministry at Virginia Tech. Most important is to remember that St. Philip is a learning place. I am convinced there is no better place to learn ministry, to discover new ways to live out mission, and to be people of faith in community than St. Philip. So Bryan is exactly where he needs to be. I also expect us to learn from one another and cannot wait to have Bryan’s voice adding to how we can Live Like That: Love, Feed, and Serve.

Bryan will be connecting with St. Philip about 10 hours per week. Please make time to greet Bryan at the chili cook-off on Saturday, January 26.

Preschool News

Danielle Murray

The students at St. Philip are excitedly looking forward to Christmas break! They have spent much of the month learning about other important winter holidays across the world, including Hanukah.

Students and teachers hope you will take a moment to enjoy the art work displayed in the hallways around the

preschool classrooms.

Students have been meeting with Pastor David and learning the Christmas story, complete with hand motions and silliness.

Please welcome Ms. Shannon Allen into the preschool family this month and hope you will take a moment to make her feel welcome. Ms. Rachael will be leaving for maternity leave on December 19 as she and her family

prepare to welcome baby Amelia Rose in early spring. Please join in covering her and her family in prayer and well wishes.

Preschool will be closed December 20 through January 2 for winter break. Keep all the students and teachers in your prayers as they celebrate and spend time with their families and friends.

Helping You Communicate

Laura Latham

The church office is committed to help ministries and teams communicate details about events and information the congregation needs to know. There is effort to communicate something at least seven times in as many ways possible. Methods of communication include announcements in Sunday's bulletin and on the large screens in the gathering spaces; social media, the newsletter, emails, flyers, and St. Philip's website.

However the church office cannot share information to the congregation without communication from folks organizing the event or ministry. If you

are a team leader or are organizing an event, please remember to make contact with me in the church office. The best way to pass information along to me is by email at officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net so that your communication is in writing and can easily be copy and pasted into methods of print communication. For information to be included in Sunday's announcements, I need to receive it by Wednesday at noon. The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month at noon. It's helpful to begin communicating most information at least three to four weeks in advance.

When writing your newsletter article or bulletin announcement keep in mind the six "W's" - who, what, when, why,

where, and how. Also think about your audience. While the newsletter is sent to St. Philip members and friends, there are also people who receive the newsletter who do not attend worship. Avoid "insider language." Newer members may not know what your ministry is about. Don't assume readers have previous knowledge of the event or ministry! Don't worry about making an announcement or newsletter article perfect. So long as all pertinent details are included, I can help you with final editing.

If you have questions while writing out what you wish to communicate feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Thrivent Action Teams Yearly Wrap-up

Maribeth Schermer

Thrivent Financial Services, a Lutheran fraternal organization that provides financial planning, wants to help local Lutheran churches be active in new ministry. Many of you are Thrivent Members. Thrivent's program, called Thrivent Action Teams is one benefit of membership. Members can request up to \$500 per year, in amounts of \$250 per request for ministry in their congregations and community.

In 2018 St. Philip Lutheran Church found has value in these Action Teams



micro grants to fund many ministries to help the congregation Love, Feed, Serve. There were a total of thirty completed action teams this year. Some of these action teams included purchasing music for Christmas, supplies for Intergenerational Faith Formation activities, promotional materials for Global Mission's Italian Night dinner, and Thrivent Action Calendar Boards to inform the congregation of the events occurring within our community.

Ideas for new ways to promote ministry are always encouraged. Please share ideas on the board in the fellowship hall or contact Maribeth Schermer at mschermer10@gmail.com. If you have questions about Thrivent Actions Teams or how to apply for a micro-grant, also speak to Maribeth Schermer, Max Holland, or Donna Spradlin. The goal as a community is to increase St. Philip's work in ministry – to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve. Thrivent Action. This past year grants increased from 2017 4 times. Let's do even more Thrivent Action Teams in 2019.

Chili Cook-off

Sarah Melendy

Lasso the date and hold on tight for a fun ride!

Saturday, January 26 at 4:30pm is the date for a Wild West Chili Cook Off!

You will have the opportunity to sample and judge a variety of amazing chili recipes, homemade cornbread and biscuits, and fresh squeezed lemonade.

Not only that, but you have the opportunity to participate in the chili cook off. Enter your special chili recipe to be judged by St. Philip Congregation members and friends. Prizes will be awarded!

Bring the whole family for some good old fashioned hootin and hollerin' fun!



This will also be a time to enjoy getting acquainted with the newest members of the St. Philip family and new intern Brian Katz.

Please contact Sarah Melendy or Keith Schult to learn how you might be able to support this exciting first fellowship event of the new year.

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 January 27, St. Philip will officially receive new members into the congregation. If you are interested in joining the congregation please speak with Pastor David. It is so exciting for the 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.

AND be sure to mark your calendar for the Chili Cookoff on Saturday, January 26. This will be a time to welcome those new to our community and is a great time for all of us to introduce ourselves.

Listen God is Calling

Thank you to all of you for the many ways you serve God's church through the ministry of St. Philip. Our calling is about God's work and our hands. There are a number of ways you might make an impact in the ministry we share. If you have been thinking about ways to connect to the ministry at St. Philip, please consider serving.

Altar Guild Assistant – Each Sunday we experience the living Christ at the altar. The altar guild serves to make

sure the table is ready. This ministry is wonderfully rewarding and truly as easy as getting ready to host a dinner.

Children's Table and Busy Bags – Help re-supply busy bags that are provided to help children participate in worship. There is a table just for little ones in the gathering space that needs freshening.

Worship Assistants – Ushers, acolytes, power point clickers, sound system operators, readers, communion assistants. This is absolutely a great

way to live out your faith on Sunday morning. Speak with Carol Dillman at 8:30am worship and Mary Jo Saum at 11am worship.

Prayer Chain Coordinator – This longtime ministry of St. Philip needs someone to check in with the links in the chain. The prayer chain is made of praying volunteers who pray for special congregational needs. See Pastor David if you might serve in this way.

Church Council News – December

Pastor David

Council met on Tuesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

The meeting primarily focused on ensuring good communication with the congregation including planning specific content for the congregational

meeting.

A 2% cost of living increase was approved for the staff beginning on January 1st.

Three new ministry opportunities are being explored:

1. Submitting a proposal to Lilly Endowment Grant to fund some innovative possibilities for youth ministry in our region.

2. St. Philip participating in a pilot program aimed at equipping lay leadership in congregations.
3. St. Philip participating in a Southern Africa Global Mission Strategic plan hosted by our national church body (ELCA).

The next council meeting will be January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Intergenerational Faith Formation

Pastor David

January 13 from 10-10:45am, ALL ages will gather between worship services for a short bible story followed by a service project. Just for 45 minutes. Just once per month. One of the best ways for all of us to grow in

faith is to do it together. Growing relationship with God takes the whole village!

In January, hear how God calls Moses to serve by speaking in a burning bush. The service project will be decorating granola bars and coffee cups for some of our area first responders – burning

bushes for Moses are okay but maybe not for us.

I encourage everyone to be part of these gatherings! If you'd like to help with these in any way, please speak with Juli Albertin or Pastor David.



Faith In Real Life (FIRL) Adult Faith Formation

Pastor David

Growing in faith is a lifelong endeavor! For adults the dance of integrating faith with life on a daily basis is one of the most wonderful and challenging experiences. At St. Philip we want to help make those



connections with a variety of opportunities each month.

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. January guests are Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presiding bishop of the ELCA who has recorded a brief

video for St. Philip describing how faith impacts her everyday life (we will have group conversation afterwards) as well as Penny Felts co-owner and founder of Thousand Hills Coffee whose motto is Drink Coffee: Do Good. Please plan to connect with FIRL throughout January. All discussions will be in the library.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Pastor David

Monday mornings 9:30am-10:30am.

Just show up on 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.



Youth Group News

Pastor David

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



- History
- 6th – Middle and High School Youth Groups
- 18th – 20th (Fri-Sun) – Winter Celebration: Youth Retreat for high schoolers
- 20th – Middle School Youth Group Only

Youth Faith Formation:

Middle School and High School Faith Formation is part of Sunday Youth Group. Use lots of different materials: re:form Bible study, videos, conversation, and “burning Jesus questions” (but Pastor David, why would we want to burn Jesus?!).



January:

- 6th – Confirmation at St. Mark Lutheran 2-4pm: Church

February:

- 3rd – Souper Bowl of Caring
- 3rd – Super Bowl Party
- 17th – Middle School and High School Youth Groups

Thank you!!!

A giant thank you to all of the children who presented the Christmas pageant this year! Thanks for your singing,

your acting, and your faithful silliness! And a humongous thank you to Jen Schult for leading and directing the Christmas pageant. Thank you!!!



Christmas Pageant

CHRISTMAS



Make this fun decoration as a reminder of the joy Jesus brings.



What you need:

- Pencil
- Poster board
- Scissors
- Craft pompoms (red, white, green, silver, gold)
- Glue

What you do:

1. Trace large capital block letters J, O and Y on the poster board.
2. Cut out the letters.
3. Glue pompoms on one side of each letter, completely covering it.
4. Share JOY by displaying the letters in your home.

All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir



All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now

Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing...
The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo...

It seems that there IS a place in the choir for YOU, too!

Excerpt from "A Place in the Choir" by Bill Staines



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
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
Jerry Falk - member



Birthdays

JANUARY

Jerry Falk - 2
Jim Reckling - 4
Cheryle Neeley - 6
Robbie Fielder - 10
Jake Stanley - 13
Glenn Kanode – 16
Zippie Smith - 16
Chuck Miller - 17
Rosie Falk – 21
Rod Dillman – 22
Madora Dooley - 25
Kim Farmer – 25
Laura Latham – 28

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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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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

