

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 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.

2019 Lenten Worship Schedule

Sermon on the Mount

This series for Lent takes parishioners through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

March 6, 2019 – 7:00p.m., St. Philip Lutheran Church Ash Wednesday worship with the Imposition of Ashes Blessed are You, Matthew 5:1-11

In this service, we remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

March 13, 2019 - 7:00p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. John McCandlish preaching Salt and Light • Matthew 5:13-16

Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us.

March 20, 2019 - 7:00p.m., Glade Creek Lutheran Church, Rev. David Derrick preaching Prayer and Fasting • Matthew 6:5-18

Lent is a season of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to him.

March 27, 2019 - 7:00p.m., St. Philip Lutheran Church, Rev. James Davis preaching Do Not Worry • Matthew 6:25-34

So much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

April 3, 2019 - 7:00p.m., St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Rev. Bob Ward preaching Judge Not • Matthew 7:1-5

We live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

April 10, 2019 - 7:00p.m., St. Philip Lutheran Church, Rev. Ken Lane preaching Build on Rock • Matthew 7:24-27

We build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in his teachings that the only solid foundation is himself, the Rock of our salvation. On him alone we build.



Lent 2019 Schedule

Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7:30pm

Come enjoy a delicious steak dinner with your friends and community while supporting St. Philip youth. The meal includes steak, baked potato, green beans, fresh bread, and fine desserts. But the best part is gracious pampering and service provided by our youth. You will be greeted at the front door, hang up your coat, seat you in the dining area, get your drink order,

and find out how you want your steak fixed – all while you relax.

This event is not only a great time to catch up with members of St. Philip, but it is also a great time to invite someone to some great hospitality at your church (then be sure to invite



them back for Ash Wednesday services the next evening). Tickets are available from any St. Philip youth!

This is an important fundraiser for the youth groups so they can attend youth retreats for all ages. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$18 the night of, for adults, and \$3 in advance/\$6 the night of, for a kids hot dog meal. You can also add a bowl of gumbo to your meal for an extra \$2. Yum!!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, 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, April 18, 2019 – 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, April 19, 2019 - 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, April 21, 2019

Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. at the Outdoor Chapel

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

Easter Breakfast, 9:45 a.m.

*A nursery will be provided for all services as needed.

Church Council News – February

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Peter Shick, Treasurer, reported receipts for January were \$28,720.44. After monthly expenses there is excess income for the month of \$10,217.96.

Rod Dillman, Property Chairman discussed a quote from Salem Paving to repair the parking lot entrance to the church and the driveway to the parsonage. Salem Paving will do the repairs to two parts in order for there to be access to the church property. Pastor David requested the work not to overlap with Lent and Easter activities. Council approved this expenditure of \$36,550 along with a \$4,000 contingency to be used to seal the remainder of the parking lot if

necessary. The money for this expenditure will be taken from the Long Term Investment Fund.

St. Philip's Mission Site Plan has been filed with the Synod office and the church may now receive applications for staffing from rostered candidates. The Search Team is in the process of setting up advertisement with Zip Recruiter for lay candidates.

A Lay Leaders Training Pilot has been created by the Synod, and St Philip has been invited along with College Lutheran, Wheatland Lutheran and St Mark's Lutheran to participate in this pilot. This was made possible by a grant from ELCA. Training will be provided by Synodical staff. The expectations for this training are to empower congregations in lay leadership to do well. It will be a two year commitment that includes a

retreat at Roanoke College, Webinar, internet tools and a Synod event. Pastor David and four others from the congregation will be invited to participate in the pilot. These persons will critique the training to further create the future curriculum. Pastor David will make the invitation to participate.

Council voted to accept Chuck Jecminek's resignation from council. Council submitted names of members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for Council. Pastor David will contact folks suggested for the committee.

The congregation has been invited to work with Habitat for Humanity on a build in the Roanoke Valley. Council discussed names of congregation members who might serve as the contact and organizer.

Food Pantry Report and Thank You

George Kegley, Social Ministry chair, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Mark's Lutheran Food Pantry expresses deep gratitude for the strong support of St. Philip's members. The long-standing partnership between the two churches includes a remarkable donation of 970 items of food and \$75.00 by St. Philip members during the recent February 3 Souper Bowl of

Caring drive sponsored by the St. Philip Youth Groups. St. Philipian Selise Miller follows her parents' many years of hard work arranging for this food donation. Thank you, Selise and the Youth!

In 2018 food and monetary donations from St. Philip enabled the St. Mark's Food Pantry to provide full bags of food for 939 families (2,520 people). In addition to Food Pantry operations twice a month, St. Mark's Lutheran

volunteers use the monthly donations of food for distribution of 50 food bags and boxes at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. These are distributed to families selected by Roanoke Social Services and Hurt Park Elementary School. St. Philip's donations along with assistance from Feeding America Southwest Virginia continue a long tradition of St. Mark's efforts to meet the needs of hungry neighbors for more than 30 years.

Generosity Matters

Pastor David

For several years living generously and stewardship has been a part of our worship experience culminating on Consecration Sunday. This year at St. Philip the Stewardship Team is trying something a bit different. To kick off our stewardship emphasis you are encouraged to visit stphiliplutheran.net/generosity-matters.

As you visit, pray about and make an estimate of your financial support for the ministry St. Philip does together using the form available on the website.

If you are not a computer or internet person do not worry, you absolutely can still make your gift for our mission through an estimate of giving card. They will be available in the gathering space and can be given directly to the

financial secretary Betty Holland or mailed to the church office to Betty's attention.

At St. Philip we are on a mission to live the life of Christ, to Live Like That to Love Feed and Serve. Keep being generous. Keep being good stewards as we join in this ministry together.

A Warm Welcome

Bryan Katz

I really appreciate the warm welcome that my family has received so far at St. Philip. Our children Emily and Ethan were quickly able to find other kids and enjoy themselves. My wife Katie also had the opportunity to meet many of you as well. Between the "What Would Jesus Eat" meal and the Chili Cookoff, I can tell there is a lot of good eating going on at St. Philip!

My children had never been to a chili cookoff and so they were excited about it all day! I know I will learn a lot from you and I hope that I can contribute to the life at St. Philip in a positive way over the next several months.

As some of you know, I am not able to be at St. Philip every week due to other commitments such as leading campus ministry at Virginia Tech and other responsibilities, but I am excited about leading and participating in worship with you. As we enter the Lenten

season, it will be a busy time at St. Philip and I encourage you to join me in self-examination and reflection as we prepare for the coming of Easter. Perhaps you have a favorite devotional or other resource that helps you focus. In any case, I imagine that like me, you also live distracted lives and I hope that during the Lenten season we can all try to focus more to "Live Like That."

With Peace and Hope,
Intern Bryan

Nominating Committee for Church Council

Pastor David

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 the 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: Sue

Huntington, Selise Miller, Linda Hudson, Paul Henkel, 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.



Intergenerational Faith Formation

Pastor David

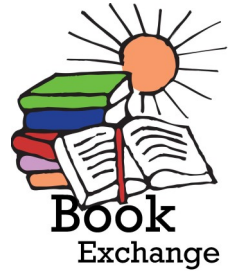
March 10 from 10-10:45am, ALL ages will gather between worship services for a short bible story followed by a service project. Just for 45 minutes. Just once per month. One of the best ways for all of us to grow in faith is to

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

In March, hear how Jesus, despite protests from the disciples, blesses the children. Also that day, St. Philip will host a book exchange. Check your libraries at home and bring in any books, magazines, or puzzles you would like to share with. Books left over will be donated to the Rescue

Mission and Roanoke Women's shelter.

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.



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 of each month, 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!

March:

2nd & 3rd – 7th Day Youth Retreat for 5th and 6th graders

3rd – Middle School and High School Youth Groups

17th Confirmation: 2-4pm at St. Philip on the Lord's Prayer

17th – Middle School and High

School Youth Groups

April:

7th – Service project: road clean up at Dillmans

28th – **Note one week later due to Easter:** Middle School and High School Youth Groups

Survivors Group Gathering

Judy Brammer

The Survivors Group has come out of winter hiatus and is making plans for spring. This is a group of fun-loving seniors who have lost a loved one.

They gather monthly for a variety of events. Some activities include movies, lectures, meals out, and concerts. Members are always open to new ideas and new faces.

The next gathering is breakfast at Famous Anthony's Brookside (6499 Williamson Rd.) on March 2, 10:00am. If you have questions, see Zippie Smith, Judy Brammer, or Ruth Heinzelmann.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Judy Burnette

One of the favorite hymns used often during the Lenten Season is "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." It was written by Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) who founded the Cistercian order of monks in the early 12th century.

The original hymn had seven verses honoring Jesus' feet, knees, hands, sides, breast, heart, and head. The words have been changed considerably throughout the years and are not the same in all hymnals. However, all the different versions include the first verse which begins, "O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down." The text honors Christ for suffering on the cross for us. The

words ask how we can love and thank him enough. Of course, we can never love or thank him enough, but are to give Him our faith and devotion not our perfection.

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Roanoke Valley Gives



Lutheran Family Services of Virginia is participating in the 4th annual Roanoke Valley Gives online giving campaign on March 13. Consider making a gift by going to <https://rvgives.givebig.org> and search for Lutheran Family Services of VA. You can schedule your gift today!

Questions? Contact Leah Shank at 562-8486 or lshank@lfsva.org.



Other organizations with connections to St. Philip participating in Roanoke Valley Gives are:

- Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley
- Local Office on Aging
- Roanoke Valley Children's Choir
- Roanoke Valley Firefighters Foundation
- Saint Francis Service Dogs



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen. ~ Mother Teresa

Thrivent Action Teams

Maribeth Bolster

With the Lenten season around the corner, this is a wonderful time to reflect and thank our Lord for all the amazing gifts we have in our daily lives. Now is a fantastic time to think about a type of service you could provide for St. Philip or our surrounding community. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. If you have ideas on events, fundraisers, a class you could teach, a family project, or a different thought please share it with one of the Thrivent Committee Members. Our goal is to provide service and touch as many lives possible through the amazing and generous opportunities Thrivent Action Teams provide. The Committee is here to match members of the Thrivent with other individuals who are passionate and willing to complete a service. A Thrivent Member is responsible for writing the grant for the seed money to fund the act of service. However, they cannot do this alone.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” ~Margaret Mead

Let's pledge to change the world one action team at a time!



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
- Bob Farmer - Member
- Barbara Simpson - Member



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
- 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, 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

