

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE APRIL 2019

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Spring Flowers for Easter Season

On Easter Sunday, April 21 spring flowers will adorn and decorate our space. These potted flowers will be available for you to take home for a love offering. All donations will go to the Youth Group for trips to youth retreats throughout the year. The purchase of these flowers was made available by an Action Team Grant from Thrivent so whatever you might offer all helps youth grow in faith.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

This worship begins as 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.

Gather in the fellowship hall for wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres. This night remember the disciples gathered in the upper room for Passover and the Last Supper. After the meal, move to the sanctuary for Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, April 19, 2019 - 7:00p.m.

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.



Bring a friend and gather to see what the Easter Bunny has hidden around St. Philip Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 20 at 10am. Enjoy crafts, games, activities. If you would like to help, please speak to Evelyn Forbes or Erica Hayth.

Live Like That – Extend an Easter Invitation

Pastor David

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 21st. 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.



Generosity Matters

Pastor David and Stewardship Team

Please visit stphiliplutheran.net/generosity-matters. We are generous people and it is through our shared generosity that mission and ministry lives. As you visit, pray about and make an estimate of your financial support for the ministry we do together



at St. Philip 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 our financial secretary Betty Holland or mailed to the church office to Betty's attention.

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.

Global Mission

Judy Brammer

Pastor David, Gary Dudley, and Judy Brammer attended a strategic networking event for congregations and synods in the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) connected to partners in Southern Africa. Because St. Philip connects to the church in Malawi, Africa the group traveled to Chicago and the national Lutheran church center to participate March 10-12. So many wonderful interactions happened in three short days. There were opportunities to meet with pastors and Global Mission committee persons who share similar experiences. These meetings involved getting to know you activities, small group discussions, best practices and reports from colleges, YAGM (Young

Adults in Global Mission), and Gender Justice as well as worship together.

Discussions centered around engaging in mission through the accompaniment model in which we remember that life in Christ comes through community found in mutuality and interdependence. The five values which are included in the accompaniment model are mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment and sustainability. The St. Philip Global Mission team will focus on these values as moving forward in the congregations relationship with fellow children of God in Malawi.

Another highlight of the trip was meeting the mission team from Northwest Wisconsin. They are the

official companion synod with Malawi and have been very active in supporting the Evangelical Church in Malawi for many years. St. Philip's Global Mission team hopes to work together with them and possibly even combine Mission trips. The team from Northwest Wisconsin invited Bishop Bvumbwe and his wife Maria to come to the gathering. It was good to see the bishop and his wife. They are planning to visit the St Philip family the last weekend of April 26-28. Please mark your calendars for that time so they can experience a warm welcome for their visit.

One more big THANK YOU to the St. Philip family for shared ministry with the church in Malawi and for making this trip possible to continue to build those relationships.

Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe Coming to St. Philip in April

Mark your calendars to welcome the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi, Joseph Bvumbwe to St. Philip. Bishop Bvumbwe and his wife Maria will be in Roanoke the

weekend of April 26 through 28 including in worship at St. Philip that Sunday. This will be a great time to hear about the exciting growth of the church in Malawi as well as some of the challenges significant poverty brings for fellow children of God in Malawi.

In addition to worship, plan to be in our St. Philip fellowship hall for Cafe between services for some great conversation. For over a decade, St. Philip has been in partnership with the church in Malawi accompanying one another in mission and ministry.

25 Years of Life Giving Ministry

Debbie Kanode

For the past 25 years one of the most gratifying ministries at St. Philip has been a semi-annual blood drive held in May and October each year. Started by St. Philip members Margaret Mitchell, Ruth Farmer, Virginia Cassell, and Helen Miller in 1993, blood drives hosted by St. Philip Lutheran have collected a total of 8,876 units of blood and have saved 26,628 lives.



St. Philip Lutheran will celebrate 25 years of blood drives on Monday, May 6, 2019, 11:30am – 7:00pm.

Please consider donating blood. Sign up by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and searching for the 24019 zip code. Extend an invitation to your neighbors, friends, and colleagues to celebrate 25 years of giving at on May 6 by donating blood. St. Philip is excited to offer this ministry to help save lives in our community.

The congregation at St. Philip strives to make this event a community gathering and partnership. Folks who regularly donate blood at St. Philip know they will be offered a full meal of hotdogs, homemade chili, chips, and plenty of homemade desserts. Lots of help from the congregation is needed to make sure the blood drive will be a success. Please look for our sign up sheet in the gathering space or speak to Debbie Kanode to volunteer.

IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE!

Ministry at St. Philip

Laura J. Latham

There is so much ministry happening at St. Philip, and it's so exciting to see! Everywhere I look someone is helping with the property, offering gifts of hospitality, ministering to the very youngest, or sharing gifts of music. I am reminded of something said recently that ministry can be as humble as sweeping the floors or serving a cup of coffee.

However I also see folks who wish to be involved ministry here at St. Philip and aren't sure where to start or who to talk to. Talents should not be hidden, but celebrated. Here are some places to get started:

Property – Broken kitchen faucet? Damaged paint in the hallway? Janitorial supplies low? Want to help paint a room or repair a damaged cabinet? All property concerns and

questions should be directed to Rod Dillman.

Altar Guild – Each Sunday the living Christ is experienced at the altar. The altar guild serves to make sure the table is ready and at special worship services throughout the year. This ministry is wonderfully rewarding and truly as easy as getting ready to host a dinner. Contact Liz Leonard to help one Sunday or a whole month.

Let's Café – If you have the gift of hospitality, Let's Café is the place for you! Set up to serve coffee and light refreshments between worship services and clean up after. Work together with your family or on a team with other members of the congregation. Speak to Patti Henkel.

Preschool – St. Philip Preschool is the congregations longest running ministry and celebrates its 54th year this year. Following the vision of charter

members of St. Philip 40 children and their teachers utilize the building each weekday during the school year. St. Philip Preschool also holds camp for six weeks during the summer. If you have questions about the preschool, speak to director Danielle Murray.

Weekly Offering Counters – An invisible ministry of the church is counting the offering and readying it for deposit each week. Anyone can perform this task and training will be provided. Speak to Genie Brown to volunteer.

Music – Music is so vital to the worship experience, from singing in the choir, to offering a gift of music during the offertory, to playing in the praise and worship band. Please see Judy Burnette to discover how you can use your talents with the choir and Dan Radmacher about the worship band.

The Growing Community at St. Philip

As a community of faith active in ministry, we expect to worship with zeal, serve the world with gladness, proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, and grow in faith. We also expect for our community to grow.

Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip three Sundays each year are designated as new member Sundays. Sunday May 5, we as a congregation will celebrate the growing community at St. Philip.

You are a part of a growing community. Share your faith with

someone you know. Tell someone about the ministry that you are passionate about. Invite someone to worship. God's Spirit is moving through you.

If you are interested in joining the congregation at St. Philip please speak with Pastor David.

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!!

April:

5th – Confirmation Lock in at Christ Lutheran Church 7pm – 9am

7th – Service project: Roanoke Valley Planting Project at Wheatland Lutheran Church. Meet at the St. Philip at 2:30 return to St. Philip at 7pm.

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

May:

5th – Confirmation Apostles Creed – At St. Mark Lutheran – 2-4pm

5th – Regular youth group at St.

Philip 4-6pm – with Cinco De Mayo Dinner!

19th – **NO YOUTH GROUP – PASTOR D ON VACATION**

A huge thank you to the congregation for your support of youth ministry. Hope you enjoyed Fat Tuesday Steak dinner and taking some flowers home this Easter.

Search Committee Update

Mike Parker

The search committee has been working hard over the last several months to define the needs of the congregation and craft a job description which speaks to an ideal candidate and communicates needs to whomever God places in front of the congregation. The position will be listed with the title of Community Ministries Coordinator and will work toward proclaiming the gospel; developing and implementing congregational programming; and identifying, recruiting, and empowering lay volunteers and church resources to support our ministries.

The committee will pursue two main avenues for advertising the position and attracting candidates. First, with the help of Pastor Kelly and the Bishop's office, The committee is making the position available to all clergy staff, also known as "rostered" candidates which will also include current serving deacons and seminary candidates nationwide. Second, it is advertising the position through traditional online placement and will be using Zip Recruiter's website to accomplish this. It is the committee's belief that this will provide them with exposure to a broad range of backgrounds and skill sets. Finally, the committee will be providing job information to congregational newsletters in the region in hopes that

members of the wider Lutheran family may feel called to respond to the church's need.

Over the next few weeks, the committee will be tracking and assessing candidates, including conducting interviews. The committee will continue to consult and advise the church council on its progress and the congregation will be informed as it progresses toward the hiring of a new staff member. Anyone who is interested in seeing the job description or has comments or questions is encouraged to speak to members of the search committee, Mike Parker, Linda Hudson, Max Holland, Cynda Johnson, or Shannon Radmacher.

Church Council News – March

Debbie Kanode

Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, reported the receipts for February were \$23,401.87. After monthly expenses the church shows excess income for the month of \$3,822.00.

Endowment Disbursements and Capital Improvements were discussed. Council voted to designate \$6,000.00 to fund the intern ministry. \$5,000.00 seed money to be used for new ministry with the addition of new staff, \$2,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity and \$2,000.00 for General Maintenance needs as they develop.

The search committee asked for clarification on position being full time or part time. Council directed them to proceed looking for a full time position person, ordained or not.

Pastor David reported that he, Maribeth Schemer, Liz Leonard, Gary Sahm and one additional person will participate in a Lay Leader Training Pilot Program through the Virginia Synod.

Pastor David, Gary Dudley and Judy Brammer attended Global Mission ELCA Strategic Plan meeting in Chicago on March 10-12, 2019. Ideas from the meeting were discussed. Gary will host a Q & A session between services on March 24. He also reported that Bishop Bvumbue will be in the

Roanoke Valley April 26 through April 28 and will worship with St. Philip on Sunday, April 28.

The stewardship campaign, Generosity Matters, will kick off in less than nine days with the help of Brian Katz, Dan Radmacher, and others. It will go out electronically to congregation to estimate financial resources for God's mission through St. Philip.

The Virginia Synod Assembly will be held on Friday and Saturday only this year, June 7 and 8. St. Philip delegates to the assembly are needed.

The Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14 at 10am for election of new council members.

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 14th, at 10:00am. We will be electing church council members. Please check your mail or email box for notice and more information including brief biographies of candidates running for church council.

It is so important for all of us to be a part of God's mission through St. Philip. Make plans to be here on April 14!

Spring Spruce April 6

We have been blessed at St. Philip with an amazing facility and property that enables us to live God's mission in great ways. In an effort to care for this wonderful blessing you are invited to a Spring Spruce on Saturday, April 6th from 9am until noon. We will spend the morning doing some cleaning, some weeding, some much needed minor repairs, and some landscaping. We need lots of people to help accomplish all that is planned for the day (We could use 50 people to do all that we hope to do). If you would like to participate contact Pastor David or Donna Wright. No experience is necessary.

College Student Care Packages

St. Philip will send a care package to each of our 10 college/graduate students at the end of the spring semester (late April). Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team Grant to goodies for the care packages are taken care of. You will have an opportunity to sign a note to include in the packages. Let's be sure that our college students know that just because they are away at school they are still in our thoughts and prayers.

Parents, please let the church office know if your child has moved during this school year.

April - A Month to Remember a Holy Meal

Pastor David

Although many of our youngest members are communing at an early age and parents have been talking about the love of God made known in bread and wine since baptism, this instruction time is an essential part of maturing in the faith.

On Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 7, at 9:50am a class will be offered about the mystery of Holy Communion for those interested having conversation in a group setting. Any child, no matter their age and who, with their parents agreement, is ready to receive communion, is expected to be a part of this offering. I also would like a parent to be present as well.

Then as a part of this community experience we plan to celebrate with all who have completed this instruction for the first time, with a recognition of "First Communion" on Palm Sunday April 14.



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
 Barbara Simpon - Member



Birthdays

APRIL

Marlene Craig	2
Ginnie Karkenny	4
Charleigh Robertson	6
Earlene Davis	7
Bill Diekow	7
Sharon Miller	9
John Hudson	15
Barbara Simpson	17
Griffin Horachek	14
Garth Mcneill	19
Donna Wright	19
Jean Farrell	25
Lynda Reckling	26
Carol Goad	27
Glenn Craig	29

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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, 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

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

