

St. Philip Invitation

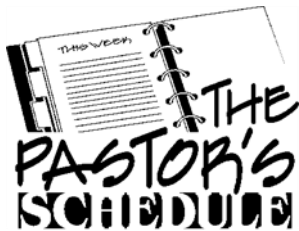


LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MAY 2019

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.



Pastor's Schedule

Pastor David will be on vacation May 14 through May 24. Pastor James Davis will be responding to pastoral emergencies and can be contacted at 540-342-1715 or 540-333-5698.



Summer Worship Schedule

One worship service at **9:30am** begins on Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend).

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!



Generosity Matters

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 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 form. Forms and envelopes are 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. We hope to celebrate the results of Generosity Matters on Sunday, May 5th so fill out you estimate and update your giving today.

Results of the stewardship campaign will be celebrated during both worship services on May 5.



Search Team News

Mike Parker

The search team is currently receiving resumes to consider candidates to help us live out God's mission at St. Philip. The following is the short blurb posted across several mediums:

We are a joy-filled, dynamic Lutheran congregation, with average attendance of 127 weekly. Our vision is to think about church in a new way, engaging the internal and external communities we serve. The Community Ministries Coordinator will work 30-40 hours weekly, proclaiming the gospel; developing and implementing congregational programming; and

identifying, recruiting, and empowering lay volunteers and church resources for our ministries. The candidate should have strong interpersonal, computer, and social media skills.

Interested candidates should search Zip Recruiter with Community Ministries Coordinator and submit a resume.

Church Council News – April 2019

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Church Council met on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending March 31, 2019 of \$26,086.04 and our year to date budget in excess of funds of \$8,096.90.

The Synod Office is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Search Team as there has been interest shown for the new staff position from several rostered people. The search team has also received eight applications to date.

Pastor David stated the title of the stewardship emphasis is Generosity Matters and with the help of Dan

Radmacher a video was made and placed on the church website along with two links, one to use to estimate giving to support the ministry at St Philip and the other to set-up or change electronic giving. For those who are not computer savvy paper pledge forms will be available in the Narthex to be completed and given to Betty Holland, Financial Secretary.

Synod Assembly will be held June 7th and 8th at Roanoke College. Liz Leonard has been nominated to serve on Synod Council.

St Philip will celebrate the 25th anniversary of blood drives on May 6th. The Blood Drive Team requested the purchase of 125 t-shirts to be given to donors and volunteers on that date. Linda Duncan Rhodes showed a sample of the t-shirt with the design.

The cost of the shirt is \$8.00 each for a total of \$1,000. A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase these shirts.

Pastor David thanked Sue Huntington, Dan Horine, Chuck Jecminek, Justin Craig, and Sarah Parker for their faithfulness and diligent service on council.

Pastor David will be on vacation May 14th through May 24th. Pastor Keith Oliviet from Brandon Oaks will preside on Sunday, May 19th and Pastor Kelly will preside on May 26th. Pastor James Davis will serve for any pastoral emergencies.

The next council meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Thrivent Action Teams Update

Maribeth Schermer

Thrivent Financial Services, a Lutheran fraternal organization that provides financial planning, wants to help local Lutheran churches be active in new ministry through microgrants called Thrivent Action Teams. In 2018 Thrivent members at St. Philip were granted thirty of these grants for ministry right here in the St. Philip community. Some of those include purchasing music for Christmas caroling, supplies for Intergenerational Faith Formation activities, promotional

materials for Global Mission's Italian Night dinner, and to-go boxes for ministry events such as Feast at Philip's.

In 2019 six Thrivent Action Team grants have been awarded so far. These went to help purchase supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt, provide college student care packages, flowers for sale by the youth groups, and food for the upcoming blood drive.

There are calendars in the fellowship hall with approved Thrivent Action Team events for the months of April and May. If your approved Action

Team is not on the calendar, contact a member of the Thrivent Action Team Committee (Max Holland, Jodi Henrickson Donna Spradlin, and Maribeth Schermer). If you have an idea for a Thrivent Action Team grant, you may also reach out to one of the committee members. It is a goal of the committee to facilitate community service through this amazing opportunity Thrivent provides for its members.

With further questions, email Maribeth Schermer at mschermer10@gmail.com.

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!!



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**

June:

- 2nd – Launching Pad Trampoline Park 4-7:30pm.
- 7-8th – Youth Assembly at Roanoke College
- 23-28th – Kairos: Virginia Synod youth event for rising 9th - 12th graders.

May:

- 5th – Confirmation Apostles

Continuing in the Covenant: Congregational Leadership Development

Thanks to a grant from the ELCA, the Virginia Synod is launching a pilot program to help develop congregational leaders by equipping them with the tools they need to deepen their spirituality, to develop gifts for leadership in a changing world, to expand their vision of what it means to be the church and to see opportunities for ministry in their context. This pilot program will involve a total of 16 lay leaders and 4 pastors from College Lutheran Church in Salem, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Roanoke, St. Philip Lutheran Church in Roanoke and Wheatland Lutheran Church in Buchanan.

Who is involved?

St. Philip plans to send Pastor David, Liz Leonard, Maribeth Schermer, Gary Sahm, and Jodi Henrickson as participants in this great opportunity.

What are the goals of Continuing in the Covenant?

The goals for this pilot program are:

- To create opportunities for individuals to deepen their relationship with God and to know that Jesus is powerfully alive
- To discover your own strengths, gifts and competencies and explore how those can be used for ministry
- To increase confidence in the individual’s ability to lead by equipping the individual with effective leadership skills and tools
- To learn how to create actionable goals with measurable metrics

- To gain awareness of how you and others respond to conflict

How will the Continuing in the Covenant work?

In 2019 program will include:

- Friday/Saturday retreat at Roanoke College on May 10-11
- A series of four webinar opportunities on skills for congregational leadership from leaders in other congregations
- Scholarships to allow all participants to attend Power in the Spirit (July 11-13) for \$25 each where there is intentional Bible study, worship and a series of workshops on ministry areas
- Creating an intentional plan to share an idea learned in the program in the congregation

A Taxing Topic

Rod Dillman

In tax year 2017 about 30% of taxpayers itemized deductions. As a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017, it is estimated that only about 8% of filers will itemize deductions for tax year 2018. The TCJA suspended the personal exemption, which was worth \$4050 per person in 2017, and increased the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples. The TCJA also placed caps

on, and in some instances eliminated, items which could be claimed on Schedule A Itemized Deductions.

Thankfully the Act provided a means for some filers to make tax free contributions to charitable groups without itemizing deductions. The TCJA permits individuals between the ages of 70.5 and 86 to make a tax free distribution from a traditional IRA to a qualified 501c3 organization such as a church. Any amount given to the church will count toward the IRA’s annual Required Minimum

Distribution (RMD) and it will not be included in taxable income. The Act requires that the funds go directly from the financial source managing the IRA to the church. Funds can be rolled from a 401k plan to an IRA and then transferred to the church. For more details about this option contact the financial advisor who manages the IRA account. I would also recommend that those who may benefit from this option seek advice from their CPA, Enrolled Agent or tax preparer.

**CHILDREN
OF THE SAME
HEAVENLY
FATHER**



**Power in the Spirit:
Children of the Same
Heavenly Father**

Hosted at beautiful Roanoke College in Salem Virginia, Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God’s call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. Power in the Spirit will be held on July 11-13 at Roanoke College.

In addition, congregational leaders—teachers, organists and choir directors, choir members, committee or council members, family life consultant, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.

The 2019 keynote speaker will be Dr. Dawn Rundman, developer of faith formation resources for Sparkhouse and Augsburg Fortress. Our Bible Study leader will be the Rev. Dr. Rolf Jacobson of Luther Seminary, returning to Power in the Spirit as one of our most popular presenters. Music will be led by the terrific George Donovan, a longtime member of the Power in the Spirit team and a music ministry leader in the Virginia Synod!

To register for Power in the Spirit or for more information about this opportunity, visit the website at <https://www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/>

Confirmation Sunday June 9th

On Sunday, June 9 the congregation will celebrate the festival of Pentecost at 9:30am worship. It will be a great time to remember and celebrate the power of God’s Holy Spirit being breathed into the church. There are plans for an inspiring worship, so please make plans to be at St. Philip June 9.

AND it is on Pentecost Sunday that the congregation celebrates with youth of the church their time of confirmation. Confirmation is simply a chance for young people, who after study and conversation, to publicly affirm their baptism. This is their chance to say out loud “I believe!”

Intergenerational Faith Formation

On May 19 at 10:00am, gather in the Fellowship Hall to help make thank you cards for veterans at the VA Hospital in Salem. These cards will be distributed on Memorial Day weekend, along with needed toiletry items. Help honor those who have sacrificed so much for freedom in this great country of ours. This event is sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team Grant.

Thank the Choir

Please be sure to thank the members of St. Philip’s wonderful choir for all of their extra hard work and beautiful music during Lent and Easter. It is a busy time of the church year with extra services. The choir graciously shares their musical gifts whenever there is an opportunity.



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 Simpson - Member



Birthdays

MAY

- Amanda Horine – 6
- Madison Merrill – 6
- Shannon Radmacher – 6
- Kevin Britt – 7
- Dean Watson – 11
- Abby Mellon – 12
- Linda Rhodes – 13
- Patti Henkel – 18
- Ellie Forbes – 20
- Paul Economy – 20
- Bill Wilhelm – 21
- Peter Shick – 23
- Lauren Ward – 24
- Scottie McCutchen – 24
- Meagan Wilhelm – 25
- Anna Radtke – 27
- Flo Maki – 31

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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

