

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE AUGUST 2019

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. The next deadline is August 15.

Summer Worship Schedule
One worship service at 9:30am through Septemher 2. (Labor Day weekend).



Announcing Congregational Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8. Bring your chairs, blankets, and most especially your whole family, for a good old traditional picnic. There will be inflatables for kids of all ages, too! 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.

2019 Virginia Synod Assembly Update

Synod Assembly is the annual opportunity for the 150 congregations of the Virginia Synod to come together and be reminded what it means to be a part of the wider church. The assembly theme during the June 7-8, 2019 gathering was “Faithful + Bold + Serving”. Those in attendance met for both the Assembly business sessions and worship.



Bishop Humphrey, helped explore the theme for the Assembly based off of Hebrews 10.23, “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for God, who made the promise, is faithful,” with a keynote presentations that led into group discussion for those seated together.

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Chrostowski, the director of DEM Relationships of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, brought good news from the wider church. She shared that in 2018, ELCA World Hunger accompanied congregations and partners in over 60 countries supported two Virginia ministries - Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) in Waynesboro, and IMPACT: Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together in Charlottesville.

The Rev. John Wertz Jr. delivered a report for the ForwardingFaith campaign. He celebrated the success of the campaign, with over \$2.74 million in estimated gifts and over 1430 individuals and congregations sharing their support. Pastor Wertz also shared the new Virginia Synod App, created in partnership with Tithe.ly. On the Synod app you can keep up to date on news, upcoming events, event photos, online giving, and more.

Elections for members of Synod Council also took place over the weekend. Among those elected were Liz Leonard of St. Philip.

One resolution was passed, honoring Tent of Nations, a working farm in Bethlehem, Palestine that seeks to educate and build bridges between people and the land. This resolution encourages congregations to designate a Sunday in 2019 and beyond as “Tent of Nations Sunday”, for prayer, education, and encouraging visits and attendance at Tent of Nations farming and peace-building workshops.

Two young women were commissioned for Young Adults in Global Mission. Maren Corliss and Jayme Kokkonen have both accepted one-year appointments as YAGMs to Central Europe, and Madagascar.

Turner Barger of Epiphany in Richmond, president of the Lutheran Youth Organization, presented the Youth Assembly report, centered on the Youth Assembly theme of “Faith Shall Reign”. He shared a summary of this year’s Youth Assembly, and raised up how many youth attendees at the assembly are fully confirmed adult members of the church, “We are no longer the future of the church, we are the church- as youth and as adults.” The incoming LYO Board president will be Mairi Bachman of Grace in Winchester.

“God’s Work, Our hands” Sunday

Linda Rhodes

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity to explore one of the most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

St. Philip is one of nearly 9,100 congregations of the ELCA

participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will be engaging in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God’s love.

On Sunday, August 18 at 12:30pm St Philip will provide a picnic for the residents of Melrose Towers. The residents have been so appreciative of past events St. Philip has hosted and are looking forward to food, goodies and fun. The menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers with all the fixings, fried chicken, salads, baked beans, desserts, and drinks. There will also be opportunity for bingo. The residents love receiving prizes of toiletries, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies,



toilet paper and paper towels - all items which cannot be purchased with food stamps.

A table has been designated in the Fellowship Hall for prize donations. Volunteers are needed to help prep food on Saturday August 17, at 8:00am and serve residents on Sunday afternoon. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. For more information please contact Linda Duncan Rhodes 563-1702 or Donna Wright 915-9691.

Backpack Blessing on August 11th

Bev Stith



With the school year starting, St. Philip will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 11 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.

NEW THIS YEAR! Stick around after worship for an old-fashioned ice cream social during Café time at 10:45am. Nothing says get ready for school more than your favorite ice cream smothered in your favorite toppings.



Mindful
MONDAYS
at Town Center Tap House & Tizzone Wine Bar

Every Monday we will donate
10% of food sales to a local nonprofit!
Open to close - includes non-alcoholic beverages and to-go food!

Dine Out ♥ Do Good!

- 7/1 - BRHMM 16U Boys Basketball
- 7/8 - Botetourt Farmers Market
- 7/15 - Botetourt Kiwanis
- 7/22 - BRHMM 4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball
- 7/29 - Knights For A. Queen
- 8/5 - Bonsack UMC Student Backpack Program
- 8/12 - Elijah's Backpack
- 8/19 - The Treehouse/Comunidad de Raices
- 8/26 - Botetourt Fire/EMS
- 9/9 - Breckinridge Elementary
- 9/16 - Orchard Hills Day School

Mindful Mondays **AUG 12th** 2019

Elijah's Backpack

Healthy Meals
for
Healthy Kids

Many families struggle to eat healthy meals and snacks every day. **Elijah's Backpack**, a free community ministry sponsored by St. Philip Lutheran Church in Roanoke, helps families eat more healthy meals and snacks through their local elementary school.

Each Friday afternoon elementary school children receive a pack of healthy food and snacks in their backpacks.

For more info:
www.stphililutheran.net

Please come out every Monday
to eat, drink,
& do good!

JOIN THE EXPERIENCE

Where Good Friends Get!

Church Council News – June 2019

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Peter Shick, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report for month ending May 31, 2019. The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending May 31, 2019 of \$22,115.78 and our year to date budget in excess of funds of \$2,978.81.

Rod Dillman reported the paving repair work on the driveway to the parsonage and the church parking lot had been completed. The total cost was \$40,000 and he reported no new pavement should be needed for 10-15 years. He also reported several other necessary repairs had been made around the church.

Pastor David reported one of the Derrick cars had rolled down the hill from the house and damaged the fence around the playground. He reported a claim had been filed with their

insurance and the entire fence around the playground is to be replaced by Sam's Fencing.

The Search Team recommended a candidate for the new staff position to council, and a date was arranged for the candidate to visit St Philip to meet the church council members. Gary Sahm reported on June 1 five council members, himself, Donna Spradlin, Shannon Radmacher, Doug Layman, and Elizabeth Reiter, met with Laura Dunklin, rostered candidate. They were impressed with her manner and response to questions and all agreed after meeting her, a rostered staff person is what the church needs. After this meeting and the feedback from council, the Search Team decided to ask the candidate to become the "primary candidate." She agreed. This meant that the candidate would cease contact with other potential employers and St Philip would cease interviewing other potential candidates.

Council set June 30, 2019 as the date for the Search Team and Council to inform the congregation of these

Developments. The congregation will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments in an Open Forum. Council met following this open forum to 1) vote to extend the call to Laura Dunklin and 2) vote on the compensation package of \$67,698.16. Both motions passed.

Laura Dunklin has been asked to preach at worship on July 14, 2019 and meet the St Philip congregation members. Notification of a special Congregational Meeting on July 28, 2019 will be mailed to the membership. The purpose of this special meeting will be to discuss and vote on council's recommendations. Various other announcements and notices will also be made during July about the special Congregational Meeting.

Pastor David will be on vacation July 14th through July 26th.

There will be no council meeting in July. The next council meeting will be August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

St. Philip Lutheran 18th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, September 21st , 1pm, Ole Monterey Golf Club Register by Sept. 15th - \$260 per team/\$65 per golfer

St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part of St. Philip's 18th 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 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.



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. Truly our calling is about God's work and our hands. Several of you have asked if there is a list of things that might be helpful as we continue to discern next steps for staffing. There are a number of quiet 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 and have not been quite sure how to start, please consider serving by:

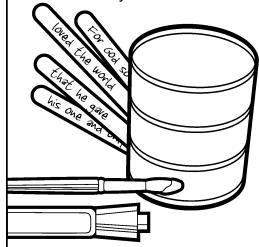
Worship Assistants – Ushers, acolytes, power point clickers, sound system operators, readers, communion assistants. This is absolutely a great way to live out your faith on Sunday morning. Speak with Carol Dillman at 8:30am worship and Mary Jo Sahm at 11am worship.

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.

Miss You Cards – If you would like to help us at St. Philip to reconnect people who have not been to worship for a while speak to Pastor David.

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

Monday Morning Bible Study

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

Bible Study will kick off again starting Monday, September 9. Just show up on September 9 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.



New this year! You are invited to participate in Monday morning bible study remotely using your computer or tablet and Zoom videoconferencing. Speak with Pastor David if you have interest in connecting this way.

Picture This

Laura J. Latham



Ministry is happening in and through the people of St. Philip all the time. We want to share how the love of Christ shapes us in every way possible including telling the story of God's good news visually. As ministry happens whether it is ministry by our congregation generally or by St. Philipians in daily living, TAKE PICTURES! Then please share those photos with the St. Philip office by emailing them to officeadmin@stphilip.lutheran.net.

We want to proclaim good news to our community – tell the story. Our hope is to continue to use the growing medium of social media to do just that. Please note: if you do not wish to have your image used in St. Philip communications notify the church office!



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

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

Welcome Pastor Laura! Welcome to St. Philip!

Pastor David

These are wonderfully exciting times at St. Philip. I am so grateful for the faithful work of our search team and our church council in leading Pastor Laura to us and us to her. I am convinced that God's Spirit was very much active and moving through the whole process. As we embark together on a new adventure, I wanted to share with you what I am most excited about in anticipating the days and months ahead.

As all of us connect together – staff, associate pastor, senior pastor, people of St. Philip, neighbors, and ministry partners – we will have a chance to discover again or perhaps anew gifts for living out the faith. It may take some time to figure out some of who does what. I anticipate some great successes, some surprises, and some bumps that need new directions. With that said, I believe that St. Philip is in a unique place and circumstance to welcome all of those things.

We are blessed with a vital, healthy, faithful, congregation. You truly amaze me. We are known in the community for a myriad of ministries, outreach, and service. God's love is central to who we are and that directs what we are about. Those attributes in a congregation are rarer than you might think. God calls us to proclaim the good news of Jesus the living Lord and Pastor Laura is going to help us do that all the more!

I cannot wait to see how God's Spirit continues to stir here. I am equally excited to discover how God's Spirit stirs to call us out there. Welcome Pastor Laura. Now let's have some fun living out the faith together.

Hello, St. Philip Community!

My name is Laura Dunklin and I am both humbled and absolutely thrilled to be called to serve as Associate Pastor at St. Philip!

A little bit about me - I was born and raised in South Carolina and attended the University of South Carolina where I received a B.A. in History and Religious Studies. From there, I moved to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where I earned my Master of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary. I have been fortunate to serve in a variety of ministry settings including Camp Lutheridge in Arden, NC, UNC Rex Healthcare, in Raleigh, NC, and Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Naples, FL. In my free time, I love to try new recipes and restaurants, spend time outdoors, and cheer on the South Carolina Gamecocks! My passion for ministry centers around stories; how we can better understand one another's stories; and together learn about God's story of love and grace for us all. It's a story that comforts us, connects us, and inspires us to share that love with the community!



From the beginning of my conversations with the Search Team and my meetings with Pastor David and the Council, I have been struck by the deep sense of missional service and the joyful spirit of this congregation. St. Philip is truly a wonderful community. I am looking forward to our partnership in ministry, as we ask those faithful questions and discern together how God is calling us to serve one another and the broader community. It has been awesome to see how the Holy Spirit has been at work in this call process and I look forward to all of that is to come! Thank you for your enthusiasm, your warm welcome, and your passion for sharing the God's love. I can't wait to get to know one another better and see where God leads us!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Laura

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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 - 2019—2020

Gary Dudley, Council President; Dan Horine, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Betty Holland, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary
Members: Doug Layman, Shannon Radmacher, Kathleen Radtke, Elizabeth Reiter,
Gary Sahm, Donna Spradlin, Elizabeth Horine

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

