

Welcome Pastor Laura



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE

The Adventure Begins

Pastor Laura will begin her ministry as Associate Pastor at St. Philip beginning on Monday, August 12. Feel free to stop by the church office during the week of the 12th to greet and welcome her to this community of faith. Pastor Laura's first Sunday in worship will be August 18th and will again be an opportunity to introduce yourself.

This truly is an exciting time at St. Philip as we seek to answer God's call to live like Christ – to live like that. Ask questions, make suggestions, practice hospitality, and pray without ceasing knowing that God's got us and will guide possibilities into the future.



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Several of you have asked about some best ways to welcome Pastor Laura and to practice one of St. Philip's finest spiritual gifts of hospitality. As Pastor Laura settles into living in Roanoke there will be things she might need to make that transition the best. Rather than guessing those needs, you all are invited to "pound" Pastor Laura with gift cards as a welcome to Roanoke and St. Philip. Anything would be great from a gift card to your favorite local restaurant, your favorite grocery store, or Walmart and Target.

If you would like to welcome Pastor Laura in this way, there is a basket in the gathering space (narthex) to collect "welcome" gifts.

How to contact Pastor Laura

email pastorlaura@stphiliplutheran.net

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Ordination Road Trip

After a journey of discerning God's call to public ministry in the church, after years of study and formation in seminary, and now after a call from this congregation at St. Philip, Pastor Laura will be ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The ordination rite is a powerful one as scriptures are read, prayers prayed, music celebrated, AND vows made. This is a big deal. Pastor Laura will be ordained at her home congregation of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Florence, South Carolina on Saturday, September 7 at 11am. The people of St. Philip are invited to be a part of this celebration.

If you would like to attend AND would like to be a part of a carpool please contact the church office so we might facilitate making those connections.

Join us for a service of Holy Communion with the Ordination of
Laura Joanne Dunklin
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Saturday, September 7th, 2019, 11:00 AM
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Florence, SC

Reception to follow
Rostered Ministers are invited to vest and process
The color of the day is red

Laura has been called to serve as Associate Pastor at St.
Philip Lutheran Church in Roanoke, Virginia

Installation at St. Philip

After Pastor Laura is ordained, we at St. Philip will be able to celebrate the beginning of our ministry together by way of an installation. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29 at 3pm for the official installation of Pastor Laura. Like every liturgy, the worship experience will be one of back and forth among leaders and participants.

Pastor Laura will promise to preach and teach, to baptize and administer the sacraments, to study scripture and be a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We at St. Philip will in turn promise to strive together to be about God's mission. The installation will be here in our sanctuary at St. Philip and a chance for us not only to welcome Pastor Laura officially but also to celebrate with the whole church her calling to serve particularly with us. Do not miss it.

Picnic With a Purpose



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8. Bring your chairs, blankets, and most especially your whole family, for a good old traditional picnic. Picnic time will start at 4:00 p.m. and will be a great time for fellowship and fun. Especially this year come experience the picnic and a time to get to know Pastor Laura a little better. Ask her about her favorite camp story, or her favorite picnic food, or challenge her to a round of cornhole. The hope is for this to be a great setting outside of worship to have some of those introductions. Be sure to make plans to attend.