

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE OCTOBER 2019



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



## The day's first task

The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists of shoving it all back, in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in.

—C.S. Lewis,  
Mere Christianity

## An Update from the Pastors

*Pastor Laura and Pastor David*

It's an exciting time for us here at St. Philip and we pastors give thanks for all the wonderful ministry God has called us to, both now and in the future! A few things we wanted to highlight:



- Day of Service Sunday – The congregation had a wonderful meal with the residents of Melrose Towers. St. Philip served a larger group than ever before, and we give thanks for the relationships the church has been able to form with the residents and staff.
- Monday Morning Bible Study – With the help of Zoom streaming, bible study is now more accessible than ever before!
- Fall Faith Formation – Pastor Laura is leading an adult class called The Wired Word and Pastor David has been teaching the pre-school through fifth grade youth about bible stories.
- 18th Annual Youth Golf Tournament – St. Philip Youth have once again partnered with the community to raise money to support youth ministry at St. Philip. We are grateful for the support and excited about the opportunity to engage in faith and fun with the church's young people.
- 21st Century Tools for a 21st Century Church – Members and staff of St. Philip attended a social media learning event hosted by the episcopal diocese and the Virginia Synod. In the workshop, we discussed how churches are using online tools well and dreamed of how to better use them to spread the good news of the gospel to the world.
- Streaming Worship Experience – As some of you may know, St. Philip streams the 8:30 worship service every Sunday. It's a great way for those who may be interested in attending to learn more about our life together and for members who cannot join in person to be a part of the worshipping community. The pastors and church leadership are continuing to work with Bryan Katz on how to best connect with the online community, including a special interactive streaming experience!

As your pastors celebrate the great things happening now, we are also faithfully discerning how God is calling us to do ministry together in the future – and that includes you! We would love to know how we can best help grow and equip disciples. Please complete the faith formation survey to help us gather that information. You may fill out the survey online <https://lauradunklin.typeform.com/to/lQ1DLz> or you can fill out a paper copy located on the information table in the gathering area. We are so grateful for your partnership in the gospel and are excited about how the Holy Spirit is at work in and through us!

## Yard Sale and Chicken Dinner

Donna Wright

On Saturday, October 19 the Global Missions Team will host a yard sale and take out chicken dinner.



The yard sale will take place from 9am to noon. You may purchase table space for \$10 a table. To reserve your own

selling space, sign up on the sheet in the narthex (gathering space). Tables will be provided on a first come basis. If you would just like to donate items to the church (no clothes please), you may bring them to the building **Thursday October 17 between 1-4pm**. Contact Donna Wright for more information.

The take out barbeque chicken dinner will be from 4-7pm. Dinner includes half a barbeque chicken, corn on the

cob, choice of potato salad or coleslaw, and cookies. Advance tickets are \$10.00, and may be purchased from a Global Missions Team Member - Gary Dudley, Donna Wright, Judy Brammer, Selise Miller, Liz Leonard, Mary Jo Sahn, Keith Schult. All proceeds will support Global Mission's partners in Malawi. Please come for great bargains and a great meal!



## Which Pastor Does What?

Pastor David

Along with church council, Pastor Laura and Pastor David are still working much of the detail of who does what out.

One piece of pastoral ministry that both pastors want to happen continually and faithfully is the ministry of pastoral care. In moments of celebration and crisis, joy and struggle, strong faith and creeping doubt being present with you to share

God's promise is truly one of the greatest privileges of serving as ordained leadership in the church. Pastor Laura and Pastor David plan to share those privileges equally.

To contact either of your pastors feel free to call the church office (540-366-7046) to talk about anything really. Pastor David and Pastor Laura are also available by way of cell phone numbers (Pastor Laura at 843-992-2506 or Pastor David at 540-309-1563).

Please do note that both pastors' day off is Friday. Of course, do not hesitate to call either pastor on Friday or any time for that matter in the case of pastoral emergency. We both want to be present with you. We both also want to practice sabbath keeping in a way that helps us to lead this amazing congregation in the healthiest ways possible. More is to come for all of us together - along the way God's got us.



## Church Council News – September 2019

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, treasurer, distributed the treasurer's report for August 2019. The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending August 31, 2019 of \$23,282.21 and our year to date budget under \$1,315.98.

Rod Dillman received a proposal of \$650.00 from Custom Window Tint to remove the curtains in the Sanctuary and custom tint the south facing windows. Custom Window Tint will also tint the south facing windows in the Fellowship Hall and the far south skylight in the narthex. This custom

filming tint will alleviate 92% of the sun glare. The tint is guaranteed for 15 years. A motion was made, seconded, discussed, and passed to accept the proposal and install the window tint.

Rod Dillman presented a proposal from B&D Locks on new door locks for the church. Terry Fields from B&D Locks talked to council about the new system. No action was taken as council has more questions and wants to weigh the pros and cons.

Council received a resignation letter from Brian Katz, Intern. He has decided to take the steps to become a pastor with ELCA, rather than a deacon. He will continue working with St Philip on some special projects related to building a digital platform for worship within the communities.

Council continued their discussion on ways to internally and externally live in God's way both inside and outside the church and ways to engage the congregation and pastors.

Council continued their discussion on how best to streamline the communication flow.

Council discussed the need to establish guidelines for ministries both within and outside the congregation to request financial support from St. Philip. Once more information is gathered from outside sources, a work group will be formed to outline the guidelines and present to council.

The next council meeting is October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

## Prayer Chain

*Pastor Laura*

As people of faith at St. Philip we are passionate about the power of prayer and our call to pray for the community. The St. Philip Prayer Chain is an important way that we engage in this ministry. Anyone is invited to take part in this ministry by signing up to be a part of the Prayer Chain. When prayer

needs arise, one of the pastors will send a call out to the Prayer Chain members to alert them of specific prayer needs.

We believe in the power of prayer and we believe that this is an important ministry for helping one another get through those difficult times in life. The leader of this group is Judy Brammer. Please see her if you have

any questions! We would love for you to be a part of this special ministry; the sign-up sheet is located in the gathering area! Please sign up by October 28.



## Music Notes

*Judy Burnette*

With a Voice of Singing, Come One and Come All



The choir is once again at the time of year when they begin preparing music for Christmas Eve.

We would love to have YOU join in the fun! If you have always wondered what it would be like to be in our choir, this is be the perfect time to give it a try.

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. The first 40 minutes of each rehearsal will

be spent rehearsing the Christmas music. The remainder of the time will be used to rehearse music for the upcoming Sunday worship.

If you have questions about joining the choir either full time or for the Advent season, please speak to Judy Burnette or one of the choir members.

## Blood Drive

*Debbie Kanode*

The October blood drive at St. Philip is fast approaching on Monday, October 14th from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm.



feel to pass the word around to friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

The sign up sheets at church will be available soon to donate blood and also to help the day of our blood drive.

You can sign up to donate blood online now at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) now. Please

This life saving ministry is truly a group effort to make it happen. Each person is valuable in making it a

success. Whether you donate blood, assist donors, working in the kitchen, or donate food, you are important to the success of blood drive.

The coordinating team looks forward to hosting another successful blood drive and truly appreciate everyone's time and talents to make it happen.

## Blessing of the Animals

*Bev Stith and Laura Latham*

Each October the Church commemorates the life of St. Francis of Assisi. He left a life of privilege for a life of simplicity and poverty. His compassion and care was extended to ALL God's creation, including animals. Many stories about St. Francis say that he had a great love for animals. One legend says he was traveling with companions when they came upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on both sides. Francis stopped to "preach to my sisters, the birds." According to the story the birds surrounded him, drawn to the power of his voice. This legend

is why he is often depicted with a bird in his hand.

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St. Philip hosts a blessing of the animals service on his feast day. In 2019, this special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 2pm near the playground. If you have a special animal – great or small, real or stuffed – you wish to be blessed, please bring that animal or a picture of that animal to St. Philip on October 6 for this opportunity. Be sure also to invite your animal loving friends to join you for the blessing. Paper flyers describing the event are available in the church office for you

to share with our community in whatever places you see fit.

In addition, you are invited to donate animal care items to Angels of Assisi. Most requested items are dog and cat food, dog and cat toys, non-clumping cat litter, gently used or new towels and wash cloths, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Gift cards to Walmart, Sam's, Target, or Kroger are also appreciated. There is a box in the narthex for collection of items before October 6, or you may bring donations to the blessing.



## Faith Formation

It's a new learning year, and a time for new learning opportunities in our faith lives. Please check out the happenings below to find the right fit for you and your family. Sunday morning Faith Formation begins September 8. The first youth group meeting will be Sunday, September 15.

### Adult Faith Formation

Christian learning is a lifelong endeavor that constantly

needs nurture and support. Part of the wonder of the faith is how we are reformed over and over again by the power of the Spirit. At St. Philip we value faith formation and want to provide the best possible opportunities, tools, and experiences for relationship and faith to grow – that's the goal.

This Fall, Pastor Laura will host an adult forum in the Library on Sundays at 10am! We will utilize a curriculum called *The Wired Word* and engage in current event stories from a faith perspective. We're called to live lives centered on the Gospel in a complex world, come join our discussion as we discuss how Jesus calls us to "Live Like that" in the world!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** In a fast changing culture, we want you to help us design faith formation that is helpful for you right now. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey, be honest (we don't want to put energy into things we think churches generally speaking should have



programmatically – we want to put energy into things you will use/participate). The link to the survey is <https://lauradunklin.typeform.com/to/IQ1DLz>.

### Monday Morning Bible Study Bible Study



Mondays 9:30-10:30am. 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:** If you would love to join the Monday morning bible study, but can't make it to the church, you are invited to participate from wherever you are using your computer, tablet, or smartphone via Zoom Videoconferencing using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/181894145>

Zoom is free for you to use and requires no download. The link to join the bible study remotely will also be posted on the website, Facebook page, and emailed to participants. Speak with one of the pastors if you have interest in connecting this way.

### Faith Formation for Children



All children preschool age to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to hang out with Pastor David at 10am each Sunday morning. There will be

some fun getting to know each other, hearing a bible story, and playing a game or two. Mostly, this will be an opportunity to practice using language of faith. The group will start by meeting in the high school youth room. Make plans to stake out a spot on a couch on Sunday mornings.

### Youth Groups

(More details are available in your email and texts)



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!!

### October

- 6 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
- 20 – Hike at Tinker Greenway at St. Philip 4-6pm
- 23 – Corn Maze at Layman Farms 6-8:30pm

### November

- 3 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
- 10 – Youth led worship 8:30am and 11am
- 17 – Scavenger Hunt Downtown 4-6pm
- 22-24 – Lost and Found Middle School Youth Event at Eagle Eyrie

A huge thank you to the congregation for your support of youth ministry. As always keep paying attention to emails and text messages for reminders.

## Godspeed to Bryan Katz

*Pastor David*

After six months serving as intern at St. Philip, God's Spirit is at work in the calling of Bryan Katz. As Bryan explores a call to Word and Sacrament ministry (to serve the church as a Pastor) his internship is changing in nature. Bryan's internship has concluded at St. Philip and will take a new shape in another setting. We are grateful for his presence with us and will be setting a date to celebrate his ministry with. Check out the St. Philip website to see Bryan's letter shared with church council describing the next steps in his journey. We plan to give thanks for Bryan's presence at St. Philip on Sunday, November 10





## Welcome New Members

During worship on September 15, St. Philip welcomed new members into the congregation. Please take time to read their bios below and greet these folks into the St. Philip family. Check out scrolling announcements on Sunday morning to see photographs of the newest St. Philipians.

**Ryan and Ellen Mehalic** live in Fincastle, VA with their dog Bean. Ryan is from Sterling, VA and Ellen is from Owego, NY. They met in Northern Virginia and have been married a little over a year now. They were married at Community Lutheran Church in Sterling, VA. Ryan and Ellen moved to the Roanoke area in May of 2017, to pursue a more quiet lifestyle in the mountains. They are excited to join St. Phillip and look forward to getting to know the congregation!

**Lisa Tyree** I was born and raised in Roanoke, VA; my background is in Human Resources and Training Development; Jay (Michael) and I have been together for 11 years and I've been attending St. Philip during that time. I have two children and three grandchildren; I love to read, cook and take care of our four-legged children!

**Leigh King** I was born in North Platte NE on January 4, 1977. When I was 6 years old I was baptized in a Lutheran church in Hershey NE. I grew up on a farm and I have an older brother Cody Freeze, of which still lives with his family in NE. Cody has blessed me with 4 nieces and nephews, of which are very dear to me. I moved with my mother to many states around the US and my final destination Roanoke VA. Here is where I made my family. I have a 21 year old girl Taylor King, a 15 year old boy Cory King, and I adopted Meghan Clellen, 21 years old, when she was 14yrs old. Taylor is a Senior at ODU, Meghan is a Senior at VA western, and Cory is a Sophomore at Northside High School. I am very proud of them All!

I work at Ballyhack Golf Club as the Hospitality Manager and Food & Beverage Manager. I have many responsibilities and wear many "hats" here at Ballyhack. I absolutely love my job! In my spare time, I go to all of my sons football games, I like to be with my other half Doug, he is my world. We like to go kayaking, walking and simply laying on the couch together. Not to forget I'm always doing household cleaning. I also love our animals, we have 3 dogs (2 of which are the girls) and 1 cat.

I am very excited to be apart of the St. Philips Family and cannot wait to see what the future holds for me!

**Bonnie Hogan** I have lived in Trouville for 25 years. Before that I lived in Staunton, VA. I was working as a CAN and studying to be a pharmacy technician until I was hurt in a significant car crash. After my rehab, I worked at Walmart for almost ten years and I retired. I enjoy knitting, crocheting, and reading.

**Hayley Leftwich and Ryan Hudson** We were both born and raised in the Roanoke area where we also raise our 3 children; Kinsley, 7, Paisley, 3 and Emerson, 2. Ryan is a welder for Virginia transformer and Hayley is a stay at home mom. We have 4 pets also included in our family; 2 kittens, Scarlett and Zoey, a puppy named Maverick and a German Shepherd named Lexi. We enjoy vacationing, spending time with family, having cookouts and gathering with friends on the weekends.

**Ali Jennings and Justin Motley** live in Salem, Va. Ali works as an Instructional Assistant at Glenvar Elementary School. Justin works as a driver for Coke. They have 2 daughters, Kylya, 9 and Bryleigh, 2. Kylya is in 3rd grade at South Salem and Bryleigh is in Pre-School at St. Phillips. We love the Hokies and enjoy spending time with family.

# HARVEST

## Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



### What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

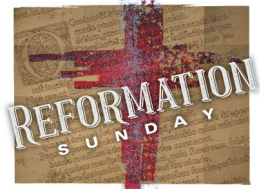
### What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

## Reformation Sunday Worship

Pastor David

Every Sunday is a celebration of God's love for us and is an essential time for feeding mind, body, and soul. Weekly worship is such an important part of living in relationship with the God who creates, saves, and sustains us.



You do not want to miss worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27 at either 8:30am or 11:00am. The worship team is faithfully planning for worship that day to be a special event. Wear RED that day to celebrate the fire of God's Holy Spirit to remember proudly the contributions of Martin Luther and the protestant reformation. Celebrate with gusto an ever reforming world and the power of God's love in our community at St. Philip as well as God's love connecting us throughout the world.



## 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

### SEPTEMBER

Harrison Toney - 1  
 Dan Radmacher - 2  
 Margaret Mitchell - 2  
 Nancy Shadix - 3  
 Steven Leonard - 4  
 Diane Farmer - 9  
 Justin Craig - 10  
 Larry Payne - 11  
 Linda Rhodes - 14  
 Simone Gruver - 14  
 Kathleen Radtke - 14  
 Selise Miller - 15  
 Drew Derrick - 18  
 Dave Whetzel - 19  
 Sarah Mellon - 20  
 Morgan Reckling - 20  
 Scott Buchanan - 23  
 Emily Totten - 23  
 Robyn Fielder - 24  
 Ella Johnston - 27  
 Joy Shepp - 27  
 Ridge Radtke - 28

### OCTOBER

Sara Aubitz - 7  
 Matthew Smith - 10  
 Max Holland - 11  
 Loretta Roush - 13  
 Rebecca Riquelmy - 16  
 Dave Mellon - 23  
 Derrick Radtke - 29  
 Lynn Lawson - 31



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Change Service Requested

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**Laura J. Latham, Office Administrator** ([officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net))  
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**Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool** ([preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net))  
**Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant**  
**Jody Draper, Custodian**

**Church Council - 2019—2020**

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

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

