

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JANUARY 2020

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

Upcoming Opportunities

- Church Council - Jan. 14
- Cross-Generational Faith Formation - Jan. 5
- Digital Worship - Jan. 8
- Spring Faith Formation Begins - Jan. 12
- WinterFest - Jan. 18
- Chili Cook-Off - Jan. 18
- Witnessing Paws - Jan. 25
- Open Book - Jan. 25
- Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb. 2
- Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner - Feb. 25
- Ash Wednesday Worship - Feb. 26
- Witnessing Paws - Feb. 29

Two exciting events coming to St. Philip January 18!

Pastor Laura

Winterfest - 2-4pm – A fun winter carnival event! Free and open to the community! Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends to enjoy ice fishing, Balloon Twister, winter crafts, a cake walk, pin the nose of the snowman and more! Enjoy some wintery treats at the Snowflake Café!



Chili Cook-Off - 5-7pm – Warm up from the cold weather and enjoy a great selection of chilis! Savor the delicious food and partake in wonderful fellowship!

If you have questions about this event, contact Bev Stith.

Anti-Scamming seminar

Pastor Laura

In recent years, there has been an unfortunate increase in scamming attempts. It is important to understand what these scams can look like and how to avoid becoming a victim of scams. Join other members of St. Philip and the community on February 15 from 12pm-3pm for a seminar and light lunch. The anti-scamming seminar will be hosted by the League of Older Americans and lunch will be provided through a Thrivent Action Team. Please RSVP for this free event to the church office by February 9. All are welcome to join. Invite your friends and neighbors so that they can all be better equipped to know how to identify and avoid scams..



Celebrate Life Seminar

Pastor Laura



Life is a beautiful gift, one that we treasure deeply. Join in for a three-part event to learn more about how to celebrate life as aging adults. In March, St. Philip will have three sessions covering many important aspects of caring for elderly adults, including hospice care, legal processes, funeral planning, and legacy gift giving. Each session will follow the 11:00 service on Sundays and include a lunch. If you have questions, please see Pastor Laura.

Open Doors - Digital Worship Experience

Pastor Laura

Our mission together as disciples is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Pastor David and I are so excited to launch a new ministry at St. Philip to do just that! On Wednesday, January 8 at 7pm, we are going to launch the Open Doors Digital service.

The digital worship service will be recording of the Sunday worship

service in an interactive online format. Pastor David and I will host a chat for faith conversation and answer prayer requests as viewers converse and worship together. This ministry is specifically intended for those who are not yet a part of the St. Philip community, but All are welcome to join. The service can be accessed at

<https://stphiliplutheran.churchonline.org>



Community Café – Connecting St. Philip and Our Neighbors

Pastor David

The congregation at St. Philip is a community who wants to Live Like That (live like Christ). Jesus ministry was always about reaching out. We want to do that at St. Philip, too. Starting in March, we plan to serve and host a lunchtime meal for the

neighborhood surrounding us. Everyone is invited, but the plan is to particularly reach out to people who work and live close by.

Mostly, this time is designed to be a time to be together. To hang out and hear stories. To connect with people around us. To be a part of the neighborhood. No agenda – no expectation, simply being with one another.

If you have questions or would like to be part of planning for Community Café speak to the anyone on the organizing team Bev Stith, Mary Wingate, or Linda Duncan Rhodes.



Church Council News – December 2019

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report for month ending November 30, 2019. The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending November 30, 2019 of \$24,740.73 and our year to date budget under \$5,220.06. Mr Shick stated we had no extra expenses in the month of November.

Mr Shick reported the drain for the storm water detention pond had been repaired and he had not yet received the bill from C & M Industrial Maintenance. Roanoke County Community Development will return in the near future to inspect the repairs.

Mr Shick reported to council Mr Dillman had not yet received a

proposal to strip and clean the floors in the hallway, kitchen and bathrooms. Mr Shick reported Mr. Dillman is hoping to receive the proposal soon as he would like to have the work done during the preschool's Christmas break.

Pastor David reported mid January B&D Locks will rekey the locks on the church doors and install a box with a passcode near the door at the kitchen to be used to enter the church for functions when the church is not open. Keys will be limited to church staff and will not be able to be duplicated. Members of the congregation with a key will still be able to use their key inside the church to unlock the office and closets when needed.

Council continues work on the Guidelines for Endowment Donations. An attorney has reviewed the draft of the document and made suggested changes. Council will continue work on the document in January and will

present the completed document to the congregation in April.

Council approved the 2020 Proposed Spending Plan. This will be presented to the congregation for approval at the congregational meeting on December 15, 2019.

Contributions to the church staff for Christmas are due by December 20, 2019. Cash or checks can be given to Gary Sahm or Peter Shick.

Pastor David and Pastor Laura reported several new ministries will be introduced beginning in January 2020. More about these will be discussed in the January newsletter. Council approved an endowment gift of \$2,501.00 to Hope Lutheran Church in Arcade, New York capital campaign to construct a multiuse facility to be used as a ministry and community center.

The next council meeting is January 14, 2020 in the church library.

Living Lutheran Magazine

Did you know St. Philip is a part of a wider church denomination that is actively living out God's grace in the United States and throughout the whole world? Stories of our work together are told each month in the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America called Living Lutheran.

Living Lutheran signifies this church's living, daring confidence in God's grace. The magazine features:

- Stories and commentary from the 3.5 million members and 9,300 congregations.
- Resources to help you deepen your faith.
- Monthly reflections from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- Coverage of religious news, events and social issues.

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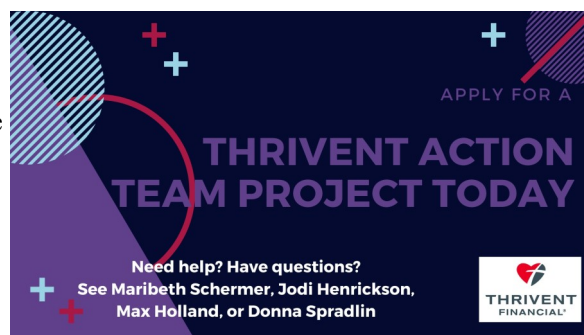
Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Financial Services, a Lutheran fraternal organization that provides financial planning, wants to help local Lutheran churches be active in new ministry. Many of you use Thrivent's services and by way of that partnership are Thrivent Members. Thrivent's program, called Thrivent Action Teams is a benefit of membership. Members can request up to \$500 per year, in amounts of \$250 per request for ministry in their congregations and community.

This past year St. Philip was able to Live Generously (the tag line for Thrivent) in a wide variety of ways! There were over thirty completed

action teams with seed money making possible action teams for thank yous to first responders, for college care packages, for support of veterans, for numerous feeding ministries, for a new cross generational faith formation event, and many more.

Ideas for new ways to promote ministry are always encouraged. Please share ideas on the action team board in the fellowship hall or contact Maribeth Schermer at mschermer10@gmail.com. Even if you are not a Thrivent member and have an idea our Thrivent Action Team group will help connect you to someone who



is. The goal as a community is to increase St. Philip's work in ministry – to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve.

If you have applied for a Trivent Action Team Project, please email either Pastors David or Laura with that information.

The Key To Change Is To Change the Key

Pastor David

I am not quite sure this is true, but the pastors and church council want the congregation to be aware that starting mid-January, the three exterior entrances to the St. Philip facility will be re-keyed. Since our building was constructed in 1993 the locks have remained the same. Over the years, one of the growing ministries at St. Philip has been opening our facilities to church members, ministry groups, and local non-profit organizations. We

very much want that ministry of hospitality to continue.

Once locks are changed, entrance into the building will happen through the side doors where a coded box will have a non-duplicatable master key to get into St. Philip. Any member of St. Philip who would like the code will be able to get that from Laura, office administrator in the church office. Additionally, one-time users of the building will be provided a temporary code for entrance during their event. With this change we hope to have a bit of reset after years of keys being issued and not returned as well as

simplifying procedures for all the folks who count on St. Philip for space for ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: AFTER THE NEW LOCKS ARE INSTALLED YOUR CURRENT ST. PHILIP KEY WILL NOT WORK ON EXTERIOR DOORS. The building key will continue to work on interior doors for now.



Faith Formation

Spring Faith Formation

Learning more about God and the life of faith together is an important part of what it means to be the church. We are excited to share new opportunities for both children and adults:

- Pastor David will be lead our Adult Forum
- Pastor Laura will lead Faith Formation for our children (preschool -5th grade) as they have fun, explore faith, and learn stories about God's love.

This new schedule begins on January 12! Please mark your calendars and join in this important time for fellowship, learning, and growing in the faith!

Adult Faith Formation

The church is not institution, it is a movement. Adult faith formation at St. Philip explores how as the faithful, the baptized, we live.

Starting January 12th, please plan to join

Pastor David as we explore how faith shapes our daily living. We will use a resource written by Daniel Erlander called *Baptized We Live* that will particularly consider the Lutheran lens through which we interact with the world. Be ready starting on Sunday, January 12 to have some great conversation about seeing the world through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, to explore how living the faith and a changing world go together, and how following Jesus is thankful response to what Jesus has already done. Gather in the Library at 10am – make plans to be there.

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.



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.

Faith Formation for Children

Starting on Jan. 12, Pastor Laura will lead Faith Formation for children. They will explore Bible stories, be creative, and learn about how God's story of love includes everyone!



Youth Groups

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!!



January:

5 – Epiphany Celebration including fireworks at St. Philip 4-6pm
19 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
22 – 24 – Winter Celebration Retreat at Eagle Eyrie

February:

2 – Souper Bowl of Caring collect food items and money during morning worship
2 - Super Bowl Party at the Radtkes 6-10pm

16 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm

25 – Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner 5:30 – 7pm.

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.

Cross Generational Faith Formation

“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East

came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’”
Matthew 2:1-2

“Praise [God], sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!”
Psalm 148:3

Have you ever wondered if chalk, water, and evergreens can be mixed? Do you fancy yourself a code decipherer – what then do you think 20 + C M B + 20 could mean? Be sure to plan to be a part of a cross generational faith formation experience on Sunday, January 5th at 10am in the St. Philip fellowship hall. This event is for absolutely everyone from age 1 to 100.

Open Book Small Group

Mark your calendars for January 25 from 6-8PM for a new small group called “Open Book.” Come to the church for fellowship, a potluck dinner, and book discussion over dessert.. Childcare can be provided, if requested. We will be discussing Braving the Wilderness by Brene Brown. The church will purchase the books by way of a Thrivent Action Team. If you have questions or an interest in this group, please contact Sue Huntington or Pastor Laura.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday Feb 2

Goals:

\$1000 for Feeding America

800 food items for

St. Mark's Food Pantry

Together we can help end hunger in
the Roanoke Valley

Winter Weather Policy

When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made on WDBJ7 and WSLN Newschannel 10, the church website, social media, and our robo-call service. Please check these media outlets for cancellation or time change information. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important.

Thank you!!!

A giant thank you to all of the children who presented the Christmas pageant this year! Thanks for your singing, your acting, and your faithful silliness! And a humongous thank you to Tami Jennings for leading and directing the Christmas pageant. Thank you!!!



Dear St. Philip Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, calls and cards during Doris' recuperation from knee replacement surgery.

Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

The Waldrons
Doris, Gary and Tina

Feast at Philips Re-Cap

Pastor Laura

Feast at Philips has been a wonderful ministry of this congregation for many years. This year, we give thanks to God for growing the event to be bigger than ever! A huge part of this growth were new community partnerships. In addition to serving a meals to a large crowd at the church, dine-in and to-go meals were also served at the Feeding America Community Solutions Center on Melrose Ave. The center's commercial kitchen was a great gift! We served more to-go meals than in pervious years and distributed meals at two new living communities, Indian Rock and Jamestown.

Another expansion of the Feast this year was the sending of 360 snack packs to these living communities for children who do not receive school meals during the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are grateful for Elijah's Backpack and all those who made those snack packs possible.

Feast at Philips is a huge event, one that we could not do without the generous support of this congregation. Thank you for your prayers, your cooked contributions, time and effort to make the Feast so successful. We look forward to increasing our community partnerships and serving delicious food to our neighbors again next November! Thanks be to God!



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
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

JANUARY

Jerry Falk - 2
Jim Reckling - 4
Robbie Fielder - 10
Jake Stanley - 13
Glenn Kanode – 16
Zippie Smith - 16
Chuck Miller - 17
Rosie Falk – 21
Rod Dillman – 22
Madora Dooley - 25
Kim Farmer – 25
Laura Latham – 28

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Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian

Church Council - 2019—2020

Gary Sahn, 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, Dan Horine, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

