

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 February 15.

Upcoming Opportunities

Open Book - Jan. 25
Souper Bowl of Caring - Feb. 2
Digital Worship - Feb. 5
Church Council - Feb. 11
Anti-Scam Seminar - Feb. 15
Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner - Feb. 25
Ash Wednesday Worship - Feb. 26
Witnessing Paws - Feb. 29
Mid-Week Lent Worship begins - March 4

Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve

Pastor Laura and Pastor David

Love, Feed, Serve is not slogan; it is mission, it is purpose, and it is identity. St. Philip is an active community of faith, compelled by God's grand gift of love to share that same love with others. As we move into the year 2020 there will be new opportunities, new ministries, new challenges, new possibilities and all that new stuff should be greeted with faith and hopefulness. In the coming weeks all kinds of new will start to take shape.

Even as pastors and staff, step willingly into the "what's next", we want to continually give thanks for what has been. Thank you for your generous hearts! The pastors, along with church council, wanted to give thanks. Your financial generosity for our mission together at St. Philip is appreciated, essential, and inspiring. St. Philip finished 2019 with receipts exceeding giving last year by \$9000! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

God's Spirit moves as we were blessed to receive 26 new members to join in living out God's mission in this community. This past year was so exciting in many ways:

- Called full time Pastor Laura to serve alongside us with faithfulness, energy, passion, and innovation.
- Rejuvenated faith formation for people of all ages.
- Expanded community partnerships for Feast at Philips.
- Bible study can now be accessed via video conference
- New liturgies shaping worship.
- New online worship experiences and platforms.
- New partnerships for community ministries

We can be bold to Live, Like, That. Your St. Philip council is committed to continue to be faithful with the resources entrusted to this congregation. Please keep being faithful. Please keep being generous. God's got us so that we can - Live Like That.



Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-7:30pm

Come enjoy a steak dinner with baked potato, green beans, fresh bread, and fine desserts. You can even choose to begin with a bowl of gumbo. But the best part is gracious pampering and service provided by our youth. Our youth will greet you at the front door, hang up your coat, seat you in the dining area, get your drink order, and find out how you want your steak fixed – all while you relax.

This event is not only a great time to catch up with members of St. Philip, but it is also a great time to invite someone to enjoy some great hospitality at your church (then be sure to invite them back for Ash Wednesday services the next evening). Tickets are available from any St. Philip youth.

This is an important fundraiser for the youth group so they can attend youth retreats for all ages. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$18 the night of for adults, and \$3 in advance/\$6 the night of, for a kids hot dog meal. Add a bowl of gumbo to your meal for an extra \$2. Yum!

Church Council News – January 2020

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report for month ending December 31, 2019. The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending December 31, 2019 of \$23,115.22 and our year to date budget under \$5,478.34. Mr Shick stated we had more expenses for maintenance and repairs in the month of December.

Council continues to work on the proposed changes to the endowment policy, the guidelines and application to help process a request for donations.

Council discussed staff compensation for 2020 to include cost of living increase, step increase and merit increase. Gary Sahn, Council President, Gary Dudley, and Doug Layman will meet to discuss these increases for the staff and make recommendations to council at the next meeting.

Pastor David submitted to Council a

Staff Evaluation Form he will use for yearly staff performance reviews. Pastor David and Pastor Laura will complete the form in June and submit to Council for their review in July.

Upcoming events are as follows:

Winterfest will be held on January 18, 2020. Children and family activities will be from 2-4 pm with the chili cookoff from 5-7 pm for all.

Open book hosted by Sue Huntington is on January 25, 2020, from 6-8 pm with a potluck meal. The book discussion will be on "Braving the Wilderness" by Brene Brown.

An anti-scaming seminar will be held on February 15, 2020 from noon until 3 pm.

A three part "Celebrate My Life" seminar will be held on March 1, March 15 and March 29, 2020.

Council discussed appointments to the nominating committee as new council members will be elected in April to replace those who have completed their term.

Pastor Laura reported the digital Open Door Worship was a success.

Pastor Laura will attend Winter Celebration with the senior high youth on January 25, 2020.

Pastor David will be out of the office February 2 through February 6, 2020. Pastor Laura will also be out of the office for a retreat but can be reached by phone.

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 on January 20 2020. Keys will be limited to church staff. 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. The passcode will be given to members of the congregation by speaking to one of the Pastors or Laura Latham, Office Administrator. A log will be kept as to whom the passcode has been given.

The next council meeting is February 11, 2020 in the church library.



St. Philip Church Calendar

Laura J. Latham

Did you know St. Philip has an online calendar? All events and room reservations can be found on the calendar, as well as St. Philip Preschool happenings. This is an excellent way to keep up with what's going on at St. Philip and when the building is available for your events or needs. Because ministry is thriving at St. Philip and part of the outreach of the church is to allow outside groups a space to meet, the building is often alive with activity. For example, a group that offers chair yoga to anyone in the community meets in the

fellowship hall on Thursday afternoons at 3:00pm. Not only does the preschool occupy the four classrooms weekday mornings, it also uses the fellowship hall each weekday from 8:30 to 9:15am and 10am to 11:00am on bad weather days.

Because the church calendar is kept on Google, it can be added to your own Google calendar to keep it right at your fingertips. To add the church's calendar to your own:

- On your computer, open Google Calendar.
- On the left, next to "Other calendars," click AddFrom URL.

- Enter the calendar's address in the field provided. The St. Philip calendar address is <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/officeadmin%40stphiliplutheran.net/public/basic.ics>
- Click Add calendar. The calendar will appear on the left side under "Other calendars."

It might take up to 12 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.

St. Philip's calendar can also be found on the church website at www.stphiliplutheran.net/calendar.

Anniversary Sunday

On February 23, 1958, a charter was signed beginning the life of Saint Philip Lutheran Church. On Sunday, February 23, we will celebrate during

both worship services our 62nd congregational anniversary. The community of St. Philip has a great history of service, growing faith, and creative ministry and we celebrate all of those things even as we look with

hope to a Spirit led future. Be here on the 23rd to mark an anniversary together.

The Growing Community at St. Philip

As a community of faith active in ministry, we expect to worship with zeal, serve the world with gladness, proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, and grow in faith. We also expect for our community to grow.

Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip we excitedly look forward to Sunday, February 23 (Also Anniversary Sunday), as we officially receive new members to this congregation.

You are a part of a growing community. Share your faith with

someone you know. Tell someone about the ministry that you are passionate about. Invite someone to worship. God's Spirit is moving through you.

If you are interested in joining the congregation at St. Philip please speak with Pastor Laura or Pastor David.

Open Doors - Digital Worship Experience

Pastor David and Pastor Laura

Open Doors has lift off! On January 8 St. Philip launched an interactive digital worship experience. It was a grand experience both for us as hosts and those who participated. One participant was a neighbor close by whose church home is some distance away. We were reminded of the incredible accessibility of this format.

Our mission together as disciples is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. The digital worship service is a recording of our Sunday

worship service in an online interactive online format. Pastor Laura and Pastor David will host a chat for faith conversation and answer prayer requests as viewers converse and worship together.

Research suggests that a significant portion of the population is either apathetic to Christianity and practices of faith or even distrustful about conversation with people of faith about the faith.

YOU CAN HELP! We very much want to explore every avenue possible to publicize Open Doors. You can share the Facebook Event that



communicates the next service. You can direct co-workers or acquaintances who are not quite sure about church or Christianity by directing them to the St. Philip website. You can send an email with the link below and an invitation to come and see. The service can be accessed at <https://stphiliplutheran.churchonline.org>



Community Café – Just to Hang Out With Neighbors

Pastor David

As a sign of God's love in the world, one of the passions for St. Philip is to love neighbor. There is no better way to share that love with literally our next door neighbors than to give them something to eat. On Wednesday, March 18 from 11:30am to 1pm St. Philip will host a lunch break for Hollins area neighbors. The intent is to be a place to break from work, or

school, or other daily activities for a simple lunch meal.

St. Philip is particularly inviting neighbors who work close by in the many businesses right outside our doors but ALL are welcome, including you. The planning group, Linda Duncan Rhodes, Bev Stith, Mary Wingate, Pastor Laura, and Pastor David, are excited about this brand new venture and see it as a time to eat



primarily and to listen; hearing the stories of those who are our neighbors. The plan is to continue Community Café quarterly.

More detail is on the way, but in the meantime add this new ministry to your prayer life and mark your calendar for March 18 to enjoy a meal with your neighbors.

Anti-Scamming Seminar

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. On February 15 from 12pm-

3pm for a seminar and light lunch will be hosted by the League of Older Americans and St. Philip Lutheran. 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 we can all be better equipped.



Celebrate My Life Events

Pastor Laura

Life is a beautiful gift, one that we treasure deeply. St. Philip is hosting a three-part event to learn more about how we can celebrate life as aging adults. In March, there will be three



sessions covering many important aspects of caring for elderly adults, including hospice care, legal processes, funeral planning, and legacy gift giving.

These sessions will be held on March 1, March 15, and March 29. Each session will follow the 11:00 service on Sundays and include a light lunch. Please RSVP to the church office if you would like to attend these informative sessions! If you have questions, please see Pastor Laura.

Help Wanted: Worship Assistants

Pastor Laura

Worship is central to who we are as people of God. We gather together each week to give thanks and praise to God for God's love and faithfulness to us. We Hear God's word proclaimed and receive the gift of Holy

Communion. Worship assistants are an important part of our worship life here at St. Philip, and we are so grateful for all those who serve.

Worship assistant roles include: acolyte, reader, sound board assistant, clicker, usher, communion assistant and altar guild. Each of these roles are essential to our worship life together and we need people to serve in those

roles. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please let our coordinators know. The worship assistant coordinator for the 8:30 service is Carol Dillman, for the 11:00 service Mary Jo Sahn, and Liz Leonard for the altar guild. Thank you for your consideration and your willingness to support the worship life of our congregation.

Winter Weather Policy

It's that time of year again. When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made on WDBJ7 and WSLS Newschannel 10, our 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.



Ministry Reimbursement

Pastor David

There are wonderful ministries happening at St. Philip, many of which are new opportunities. We recognize that sometimes the good folks of St.

Philip make purchases with their own resources for the ministry we share.

Please be aware that there are yellow reimbursement forms and green donation forms in the church office in the box for our treasurer. Do not

hesitate to fill out either of these forms and leave the completed form in the treasurer's box to be reimbursed with a check or to have your donation included in your St. Philip statement of giving.

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 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 is in full swing. 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.

Through February, 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. Do not miss out on 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. We will 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

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!!



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.

March:

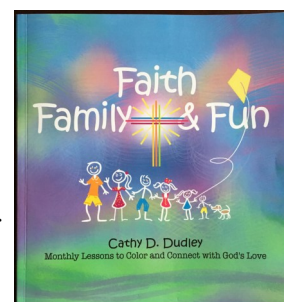
- 1st – Regular youth group at St. Philip – game night hosted by Staleys 4-6pm
- 7-8th - Seventh Day Youth Retreat for 5th and 6th Graders at Eagle Eyrie
- 15th – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm

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.

New Book by Cathy Dudley

St. Philip's own Cathy Dudley has written a second book presenting the good news of the gospel for children to enjoy throughout the year: Faith Family & Fun: Monthly Lessons to Color and Connect with God's Love. The book's purpose is to make it easy to have a fun family night with a focus on Jesus. The book contains stories for every month with bonus activities for Christmas and Easter.

Each month, the book contains a Bible verse, prayer, suggested activity and advice for every day-living. The lessons are accompanied by a black and white drawing, ready for coloring. The drawings were created by Kyle Edgell, an accomplished Roanoke illustrator. Cathy said this book is an opportunity for parents to lead, telling their children how much God loves them.



You can find Faith Family & Fun at Amazon and Roanoke area bookstores.



The Souper Bowl of Caring started with a simple prayer:

"Lord, even as we enjoy this Super Bowl game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

TackleHunger.org

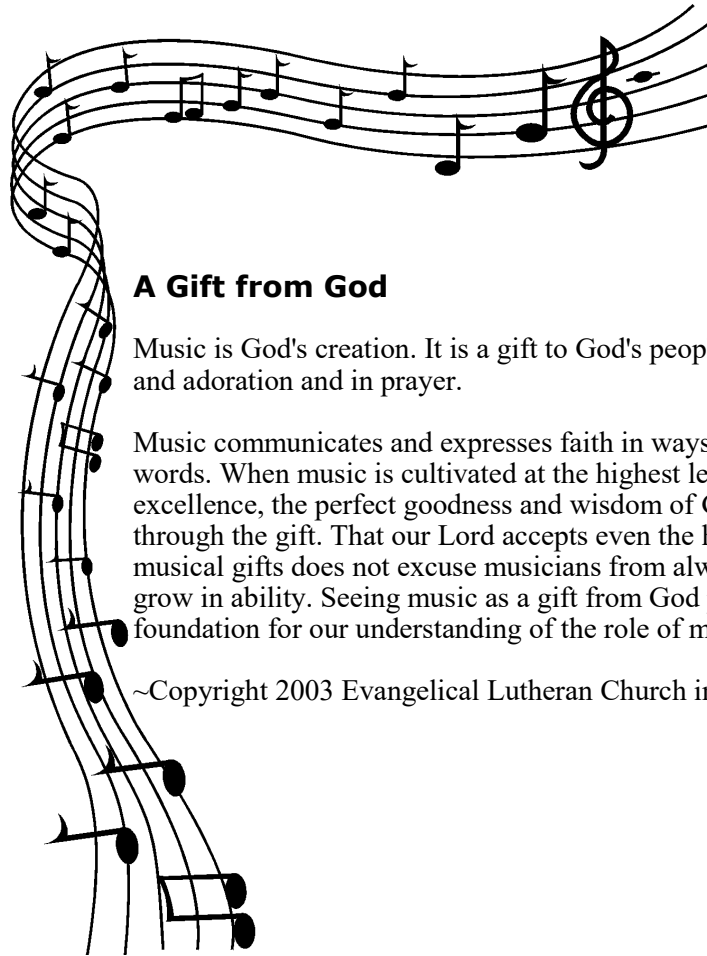
Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2, 2020

Selise Miller

As you prepare to purchase snacks for the Super Bowl, you are invited to provide food and funds for our hungry neighbors.

Americans spend about \$1 billion on Super Bowl snacks. In contrast, the youth of St. Philip challenge the congregation to donate just \$1000 and 800 grocery items (that's enough cans to build two 10x10 pyramids) to Feeding America Food Bank and the St. Mark's food pantry, respectively.

The youth will collect the groceries in the sanctuary and money at the close of worship as you leave the sanctuary. Together we can help end hunger right here in Roanoke!



A Gift from God

Music is God's creation. It is a gift to God's people to use in praise and adoration and in prayer.

Music communicates and expresses faith in ways beyond mere words. When music is cultivated at the highest levels of artistic excellence, the perfect goodness and wisdom of God are displayed through the gift. That our Lord accepts even the humblest of our musical gifts does not excuse musicians from always aspiring to grow in ability. Seeing music as a gift from God provides the foundation for our understanding of the role of music in worship.

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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
- 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
- Barbara Simpson - Member



Birthdays **FEBRUARY**

- Fritz Lovelace - 1
- Clara Johnston - 3
- Doug Layman - 4
- Leah Horine - 5
- Rob Erwin - 11
- Bradley Craig - 12
- Jeremy Rhodes - 15
- Lucas Duncan - 24
- Skylar Hayth - 25
- Sharon Whetzel - 27
- JoAnn Michael - 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

