

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 2020



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

Upcoming Opportunities

Ash Wednesday Worship - Feb. 26
Celebrate My Life - March 1, 15, & 29
Mid-Week Lent Worship begins - March 4
Open Doors - March 4
Church Council - March 10
New Member Orientation - March 14
Community Café - March 18
LUCOM Family Night - March 22
Open Book - March 28
Witnessing Paws - March 28
Palm Sunday - April 5
Cross Generational Faith Formation - April 5

Mid-Week Lenten Worship



All worship services begin at 7:00pm.

All services except for Ash Wednesday preceded by Soup and Bread at 6:00 p.m.

Fear is a formidable force. It has power to shape responses, to color conversations, to create barriers, and to form not only individuals but whole communities. Fear is formidable yet not ultimate. Fear left solely in the hands of humanity may actually have enough power to make a world defined by itself.

BUT God, God in Christ Jesus of the cross demonstrates and gifts love in such a perfect way that fear can be relegated to a place of inconsequence. Love then, and particularly God's love then is the defining character of response, conversation, people, and communities. Fear is formidable, God's perfect love is ultimate. Explore in the Wednesdays of Lent how this promise comes to be.

February 26 - Ash Wednesday, St. Philip Lutheran Church, the imposition of ashes

March 4 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. James Davis

March 11 - Glade Creek Lutheran Church, Rev. Laura Dunklin

March 18 - St. Philip Lutheran Church, Rev. John McCandlish

March 25 - St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Rev. James Armentrout

April 1 - St. Mark Lutheran Church, Rev. Ken Lane

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5, 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

This worship begins as the congregation gathers in front of the church (weather permitting) with the *Procession of Palms*, remembering the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 6:00p.m.

Gather in the fellowship hall for wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres. This night remember the disciples gathered in the upper room for Passover and the Last Supper. After the meal, move to the sanctuary for Holy Communion and the *Stripping of the Altar*.

Good Friday, April 10, 2020 - 7:00p.m.

Gather in the sanctuary for the service of *Tenebrae* which means darkness. This service involves the reading of the Passion Story and the extinguishing of candles to remember our Lord's suffering and death, as well as the disciples' denial and flight.

Easter Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. at the Outdoor Chapel

Easter Festival Service 8:30 a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Easter Breakfast, 9:45 a.m.



*A nursery will be provided for all services as needed.

The Wilderness of Lent

Pastor Laura

Lent is a season of the church year that begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates on Good Friday where we remember the crucifixion of our savior, Jesus Christ. Lent is an important time in the church year, because it's a time set apart for us to acknowledge our sinfulness and all that draws us from God while at the same time, giving thanks for the immense love, mercy, and faithfulness of God displayed in the life, death and



resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the season of Lent this year at St. Philip, we will be embracing the theme of wilderness. Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely

enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are.

There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey. We pray that your Lenten journey through the wilderness will be holy, enriching, and draw you more deeply into relationship with God.

Live Like That Extend an Easter Invitation

Pastor David

Even as we live through a reflective and confessional time during the season of lent, remember St. Philip will celebrate boldly God's promise made real through the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is alive and that indeed is good news.

One important way is by way of

extending invitation. **Easter is Sunday, April 12.** For many who are not connected to a worshipping community it is often at Easter time that God's Spirit is moving in a way that at least raises some questions of curiosity. For many the last impediment to seeing what this "Christian stuff" is all about can be overcome with a simple invitation.

This Easter extend an invitation to a friend, a co-worker, an extended

family member, an acquaintance, or even a stranger to come to St. Philip on Easter Sunday. Then get out of the way and let God's Holy Spirit take over. The love God demonstrates in the death and resurrection of Jesus – its worth sharing.



Celebrate Life Seminars

Pastor Laura

Have you ever had questions about end of life care, legal options, funeral planning, or legacy giving? These are hugely important topics that often bring up a lot of questions. St. Philip is hosting a three-part event to learn more about how we



processes, funeral planning, and legacy gift giving.

can celebrate life as aging adults. This month there will be three sessions covering many important aspects of caring for elderly adults, including hospice care, legal

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 by February 24 if you would like to attend these informative sessions! If you have questions, please see Pastor Laura.

26 Years of Life Giving Ministry

Debbie Kanode

For the past 26 years one of the most gratifying ministries at St. Philip has been a semi-annual blood drive held in May and October each year. Started by St. Philip members Margaret Mitchell, Ruth Farmer, Virginia Cassell, and Helen Miller in 1993, blood drives hosted by St. Philip Lutheran have

collected a total of nearly 9,000 units of blood and have saved over 26,500 lives.

St. Philip Lutheran's next blood drive is Monday, May 11, 2019, 11:30am – 7:00pm. The last day to donate blood elsewhere and still be eligible to give whole blood at St. Philip is March 10.

Please consider donating blood. Extend an invitation to your neighbors,

friends, and colleagues to donate on May 10.

Lots of help from the congregation is needed to make sure the blood drive will be a success. Please look for a sign up sheet in the gathering space later in March or speak to Debbie Kanode to volunteer.

IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE!

Church Council News – February 2020

Debbie Kanode

Council met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2020. Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month \$25,513.27, and \$1676.20 under budget. All major expenses have been paid to date.

The Staff Compensation Taskforce Update Merit and step increases were discussed and approved by Council as proposed effective immediately, motion made by Gary Dudley, seconded by Shannon Radmacher. Summary of staff compensation is as follows:

Council approved \$10,022 for 2020 Compensation increases for staff. Only \$4000 was allowed for in the 2020 Spending Plan that was approved in December 2019. Council approved the additional funding of \$6,022 to come from the St. Philip non-dedicated short-term investment account. There are several reasons for the increases.

- It came to council's attention that Pastor David's salary had fallen below ELCA recommended minimum pay for a Pastor with his number of years in pastoral ministry, so a one-time adjustment was made to correct that.

- The increases reflect the gratitude and appreciation of a congregation that has been blessed with outstanding pastoral leadership, and ample financial resources.
- The increases reflect the congregation's gratitude and appreciation for all the extra work and added pressure on our entire staff during a 2-year period of being understaffed, while at the same time, maintaining a thriving and growing ministry.

A motion was made, discussed and approved to have parsonage utility expenses (gas and electric) paid by St. Philip. ELCA Compensation guidelines strongly recommend that parsonage utilities should be paid by the congregation, and not the pastor. Pastor Derrick has been paying these in the past, but the decision was made to follow the recommendation of the guidelines.

Pastor Laura reported on several recent successful events, including Winterfest/Chili Cookoff, the first meeting of the "Open Book" club, and Open Doors. Some upcoming events include an Anti-Scamming Workshop, the three "Celebrate Life" educational events in March, the first Community Café, and Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner.

A Nominating Committee has been named to select Council representatives for the upcoming term. Elizabeth Reiter, Jodi Hendrickson and Pastor David will prepare a slate of

candidates for the April Congregational meeting. Pastor's reports were received from both Pastor Laura and Pastor David. Pastor David was pleased to report that Keith Olivier, a Chaplain at Brandon Oaks, has agreed to fill in as interim organist during the summer months. Judy Burnette will be recuperating from planned hand surgery.

A thank you letter was received from Pastor Shawn Hannon of Hope Community Center in Arcade NY, thanking St. Philip for our contributions to purchase bricks for a community center building campaign. Pastor Hannon also wrote a touching personal note to Pastor Derrick, which Pastor Derrick read to the group. Copies of Pastor Hannon's thank you letter to the congregation will be posted around church soon.

Lent Season is approaching and St. Philip will conduct Ash Wednesday services. The Lenten mid-week services/soup suppers will be in rotation again this year. St. Philip will host once this year due to St. Marks joining the group rotation.

Pastor David reported plans are in progress to place a Luther Rose on the outside of the church building to memorialize Bob Farmer's contribution to the life of St. Philip.

Council will next meet on March 10th at 7 pm.

Generosity Matters

The St. Philip endowment is an incredible resource for ministry. This past year the earnings from the Endowment has made possible funding for a new digital worship experience, engaging in our community by way of a Community Café for Hollins neighbors, as well as several projects related to our facility.

The endowment has also allowed St. Philip to practice generosity in ways that extend even further. We were able to contribute to a sister congregation in

Arcade, NY who much like St. Philip is trying to live out faith connecting to their community. Church Council voted to share \$2500 for a Future With Hope.

Below are the words from Pastor Shawn Hannon of Hope Lutheran Church in Arcade:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Pastors David and Laura, and your leadership team, words cannot express our gratitude for your gift. Ministry here sometime feels like an island. We have no Lutheran neighbors and find

ourselves in a rural context. Yet with one act of generosity you have surrounded us with a promise that we are not alone. You are a city on a hill. You truly embody what it means to Live Like That. You have given us a precious gift which we cannot hope to repay, but we will cherish it and put it to work creating a place where all people are fed, nourished, loved and cared for. For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks. May God continue to bless your ministry and all of the places you reach. Your brother in Christ, Shawn Hannon.

Worship Assistant Training

Pastor Laura

Worship is at the heart of who we are as a community here at St. Philip, and we give thanks to God for worship life together. An integral part of this worship life are worship assistants. These acolytes, ushers, altar guild

members, sound booth technicians, communion assistants, and lectors (readers) are all essential elements of each Sunday worship service.

Did you know that between the two services over 20 worship assistants each Sunday fill roles? It takes a village, but we are so grateful for the

unique gifts of each of worship assistants as we come together to praise God. If you have been serving as a worship assistant, or if you are interested in serving as a worship assistant, please join a training at 10am on March 8!

New Member Orientation

Pastor Laura

The community of St. Philip have been richly blessed by new members who have decided to join this congregation.

We give thanks for each of them! As a special time of welcome, the pastors are hosting a New Member Orientation on Saturday, March 14 from 10-1pm.

If you have become a member of St.

Philip anytime during 2019 or 2020, please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us for a time of learning, orienting, and fellowship! Lunch will be served.

Open Doors - Digital Worship Experience

Open Doors has lift off! YOU are the AFTERBURNERS. St. Philip's interactive digital worship experience is happening. As something brand, brand new the pastors are very much learning as they go along. The most significant learning after two worship experiences is discovering the best ways to promote Open Doors. This is where we really want to enlist the help of the Sunday morning St. Philip worshipping community. Initial lift

off is safely behind us, you are the afterburners.

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. Please 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://stphilplutheran.churchonline.org>

This is one way you might witness to the Good News that is Jesus Christ without uttering a single word. The next Open Doors worship is on March 3 at 7pm.

LUCOM Family Night

Gary Sahn

Does your family enjoy camping?

Camp Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center is revving up for the 2020 season, and you are invited to an informational event to learn about the Camp Caroline Furnace camping experience.



Family Night

On Sunday, March 22 at 5:00pm, College Lutheran Church in Salem will be hosting a Family Night event. Join in the fun - dinner, games, and a campfire for s'mores. Bring your questions about summer camp and retreats. All are welcome.

FREE...GOOD FOOD...GOOD FELLOWSHIP...GOOD INFORMATION

An RSVP is requested to julie@carolinefurnace.org or respond to the Facebook event, found at the College Lutheran Church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/166951391227167/>

Nominating Committee for Church Council

Each April the community at St. Philip elects leaders to serve as a part of the church council. Church council serves the congregation as the primary

decision making body for our community. A nominating committee has been formed to help identify some potential people to serve in this incredibly important role. Serving on the nominating committee are: Jodi Henrickson, Elizabeth Reiter, and

Pastor David. If you would like to be nominated or would like the committee to consider a gifted member of this community speak with any of these individuals.

Thrivent Financial Programs Update

Max Holland

Reminder to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars based on your insurance premiums or contract values, you have until March 31st to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. Over 40,000 churches and non-profits have been recommended by a member and enrolled in this program, including St Philip. Log on to Thrivent.com or speak to Financial Consultant Max

Holland if you have any questions.

Help Out With Your Action Teams.

If you are a Thrivent member, please consider touching base with St. Philip's Action Team Committee (Pastor David, Pastor Laura, team leader Maribeth Schermer, Donna Spradlin, or Max Holland). The committee can help you use your Action Teams to support ministry at St Philip. You can lead an Action Team project, or be a Team member by applying for an Action Team. Benefit Members can apply for two Action Teams each year, and Associate

Members can apply for one each year.

Thrivent Financial Membership.

Become a Thrivent Benefit Member by purchasing a qualifying Thrivent insurance or annuity product. Or you can become an Associate Member by paying an annual fee of \$19.95, or purchasing a product from a Thrivent subsidiary (such as Thrivent Mutual Funds), or joining the Thrivent Federal Credit Union. For more information on Member Benefits, go to Thrivent.com or speak to Financial Consultant Max Holland.

Thank you from Habitat of Humanity Recipient

Dear Members of St. Philip Lutheran Church,

On behalf of my family, I want to thank you for your work and support of the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build House, our new home. It was so kind of you, and it has helped

my family to have an affordable living situation, a safe yard for the young children and a house big enough for our large family of 14.

My father is thankful that his family is comfortable and safe. We are proud of our new home. Our large living area enables everyone to gather together for meals and watching TV, something that we couldn't do before.

Everyone is happier and grateful for our new home. We will not forget you and your caring support.

All the Ayamba family wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful new year.

By Mwenebatu Ayamba

Welcome New Members

On February 23, St. Philip welcomed new members into the family of faith. To help you get to know new members, please peruse the bios below, and make sure you take time to greet people whose faces you don't recognize.

Margie Nickum moved to Roanoke from Ames, Iowa in June to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Richard Lawson. She has three other children and six grandchildren, that live all over the country from Virginia to Washington. Margie's interests are reading, playing bridge, volunteering for Elijah's backpack, and working out at the Salem YMCA.

Heidi and Charles Speakman have been married for 54 years (that's a long time with the same partner). In November it will be the BIG 55. Heidi grew up with one sister in the Lutheran Philippuskirche outside Nuernberg. Heidi came over from Germany to



learn the language and look were it got her. She stayed with her sister for a while in West Islip, NY and moved down to Martinsville with her and her husband. Heidi went to Kindergarten Teacher

Seminar in Germany and became a Kindergarten Teacher. She could not teach in the United States and went into nursing instead. Heidi started working at the hospital where Charles's mom, who got Heidi and Charles together, worked. It was LOVE at first sight. The Speakmans have four grown daughters; Kathleen Radtke is the youngest. They all read their bible and took it serious to multiply. Now the Speakmans have 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. Charles was born in Roanoke, worked for Dupont in Martinsville for 30 years. He grew up with four siblings as a Baptist.

Keith and Nancy Hartman were high school sweethearts in a small town near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where

they were married (after college) in a Lutheran church. They have since been members of Lutheran congregations in Richmond, Virginia; Southern California, Hudson, Ohio; suburban Washington, D.C. and, most recently, York, Pennsylvania, before moving to Daleville almost two years ago. They have a son who lives locally and a daughter, both Roanoke College graduates, and two grandsons, the youngest of whom was recently baptized at St. Philip. Nancy is a former teacher and Keith is a part-time consultant and business coach. Both enjoy being with their family and traveling.

Linda Walker currently resides in Roanoke va. She had previously lived in Columbus Ohio. She is a huge Ohio State Buckeyes fan. Linda enjoys spending time with family and friends. She enjoys the outdoors, reading and anything to do with sports. Linda has two dogs and a cat.

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 faith formation opportunities for both children and adults. Please join in this important time for fellowship, learning, and growing in the faith! 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.

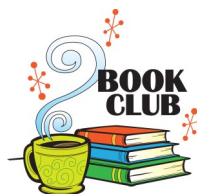
This is a great way for you to come to Sunday morning worship ready to be engaged with the word as the story is told. If you have not been a part of the Bible study crew, now is the time to try it out! The crew meets in the church library.



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.

Open Book Small Group

After a great turnout for the first Open Book Small Group in January, be sure to mark your calendars for March 28 from 6-8pm for the second iteration of "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 Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult. Books are available in the church office. As was the case in January books are available at no cost through the generosity of a Thrivent Action Team. If you have questions or an interest in this group,



please contact Sue Huntington or Bev Stith.

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!!



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

April:

5th – Road cleanup in Troutville with pizza for dinner 4-6pm.

17th – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm

A huge thank you to the congregation for your support of youth ministry with a special thanks to those able to come to the Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner. As

Cross Generational Faith Formation

Mark your calendars for another Cross-Generational Faith Formation event on Palm Sunday, April 5! Gather at 10am in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive time of learning, faith conversation, and creativity! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to grow in faith as we journey to the cross. Disciples aged 0 to 100 are invited, make plans to join in the fun!



Community Café

Pastor Laura

On March 18, St. Philip is hosting an exciting new event, Community Café! Members of the Hollins community are invited to St. Philip for a free lunch and the opportunity to get to know one another better. This is an awesome opportunity for St. Philip to serve the community and build deeper relationships with neighbors. Invite your friends and co-workers to join us for lunch from 11:30-1pm on Wednesday, March 18!



Souper Bowl of Caring Thank you

Selise Miller

Thank you for your generous food and monetary donations during the Souper Bowl of Caring last Sunday. **You helped raise 1502 items of food – a new record! - for St. Mark's Food Pantry and \$1392 for Feeding America Southwest Virginia.** Together, we are helping feed hungry people here in our community!

**“MAY YOU HAVE WARM WORDS ON A COLD EVENING, A FULL MOON ON A DARK NIGHT, AND THE ROAD DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY TO YOUR DOOR.”
—IRISH BLESSING**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Judy Burnette

One of the favorite hymns used often during the Lenten Season is “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.” It was written by Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) who founded the Cistercian order of monks in the early 12th century.



The original hymn had seven verses honoring Jesus’ feet, knees, hands, sides, breast, heart, and head. The words have been changed considerably throughout the years and are not the same in all hymnals. However, all the different versions include the first verse which begins, “O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.” The text honors Christ for suffering on the cross for us. The words ask how we can love and thank him enough. Of course, we can never love or thank him enough, but are to give Him our faith and devotion not our perfection.

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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

MARCH

Reece Derrick – 1
Linda Hudson - 1
Keith Brown-2
Louisa Britt – 4
Liz Leonard – 5
Katryn Lawson - 4
Polly Kanode – 12
Dan Horine - 17
Elizabeth Horine - 18
Jacob Clark – 20
Erica Hayth – 25
Kristian Schult – 25
Ryan Reiter - 27
Kali Edsall - 25

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David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)
Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool (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, Dan Horine, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

