

# St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MAY2020

## May Blood Drive Update

*C. P. Staley*

With heavy hearts, the May 2020 St. Philip Blood Drive has been cancelled Due to the current impacts of the COVID-19 the decision was made out of an abundance of caution and concern for all involved. HOWEVER, that does not mean that the need is still great.

As you feel called all past donors and new donors are encouraged to donate through the Red Cross to support the massive need that is here during this time.

It's the hope of the Blood Drive team to see all of you in October for the next drive! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood drive program! "It feels good to save a life."

## Zoom Café

One of our beloved traditions at St. Philip is gathering between the services for Cafe. This Sunday, join in here: <https://zoom.us/j/135031599> (if prompted, password is 24019) or call 929 436 2866 and enter meeting number 135031599 at the prompt.

Dear St. Philippians,

These are challenging times we are living in, but God's love still meets us in the midst of it. We are still community. Now more than ever we are people called by God to Live Like That, to be the body of Christ. This strange new time is most certainly a challenge. We miss being gathered together in person. We miss hearing first-hand the stories of your lives. We miss interacting with one another for worship, for learning, for service, for inspiration to proclaim Good News in the world. Yet, we are still community – the church, the congregation of St. Philip is not closed! The challenge of a global pandemic has afforded us an opportunity to be faithful in new ways, to live the promise of the resurrected Jesus more creatively using resources we may never have considered before.

As we continue to be faithful to our neighbors near and far by staying at home and maintaining physical distance from one another, we still respond to God's call.

We want to celebrate being the church. Did you know:

- We continue to worship weekly using digital and telecommunication resources: Over 900 people participated in Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship including some participants from as far away as Oregon. Invite someone you know to connect with St. Philip by way of our Open Doors Worship platform.
- Food, toilet paper, paper towels, detergent, and toiletries were delivered to Melrose Towers.
- Elijah's Backpack distributed food to students and families in our neighborhood.
- St. Philip preschoolers have received supplies to continue learning and exploring at home.
- Bible study still happens virtually.
- We are providing utility assistance to people whose employment status has changed – please let one of the pastors know if you fall into this category - we want to help.
- Book studies still happens virtually.
- Youth group still gathers digitally to share in community, fun, and prayer.
- Musical gifts are shared remotely and AMAZINGLY pieced together for worship.
- St. Philip graduates will receive a small gift from the congregation celebrating their accomplishments even as typical celebrations are postponed.
- Phone calls, notes, and check ins are happening like never before.

Into every circumstance we are called to faith. Living in this difficult time is hard. It brings pain, fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. We know that and pray daily for those burdens to be overcome. We pray daily for those whose health is compromised, those grieving, those providing care. We also pray for faith to persevere, to see hope, to forgive freely, to share generously. Through prayer, we are then moved to tangibly love and support our church family and broader community. We are Easter People; people who live knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Held in that promise we Live Like *That*.

In Christ,  
Pastors David and Laura

## Generosity Matters

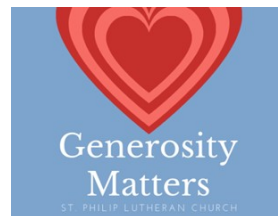
*Pastor David*

Thank you! Thank you so much for your continued support of the ministry we share. As has been made clear in recent weeks, the building at 8115 Williamson Road is not St. Philip Lutheran Church, but merely the vessel that enables our church family

to connect and launch our ministries.

Traditionally at St. Philip, we have engaged in some sort of stewardship emphasis each spring. The current situation, of course, makes that difficult. So what we would like to do instead is offer some information about how your support of our faith community matters. In the coming

weeks, check your email box, mail box, and of course the St. Philip website as we celebrate how Generosity Matters.



## We Are the Church Together

*Virginia Synod, ELCA*

Even though we aren't gathering in-person for worship and Synod events, congregations around Virginia are finding remarkable ways to be the church.

We are the church in digital spaces

proclaiming the hope of the risen Lord and the empty tomb. We are the church in phone calls and cards supporting our fellow members of the body of Christ.

We are the church through financial gifts that allow local congregations to make a difference to a hurting community.

We are the church though



congregational mission support that makes it possible for Synod staff and Churchwide staff to be a resource in these extraordinary times.

We are Church Together. Thank You!

## New Zoom Book Study

*Pastor Laura*

The Bible is filled with stories that tell us about how God is and how God has been, is, and will be at work in the world. Stories that inspire us, perplex us, comfort us and fill us with more questions. Join Pastor Laura and Pastor David for a nine week study of *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans where

we'll delve into stories from scripture and hear them in a new light.

The study will kick-off Monday, May 4 at 7pm on Zoom. We'll go through chapter by chapter, so no need to have the book totally read by May 4. You may purchase the book through Amazon, Barnes and Nobles, Audible, or other places.

Please contact Pastor David at 540-366-7046 or Pastor Laura at 843-992-2506 if you have trouble getting a book.

The Zoom meeting can be found at <https://zoom.us/j/96659524379> (if prompted, password is 24019) or by calling 929-436-2866 and entering meeting number 966-5952-4379 at the prompt.

## Thrivent action Teams

*Pastor Laura*

St. Philip continues to be grateful for the generous seed money available from Thrivent Financial through Thrivent Action Teams. During this

time of Pandemic, Action Teams have helped propel the creative ministry of the church! Thrivent Action teams have helped supply Melrose Towers residents with needed supplies, purchased new audio equipment remote Praise Band collaboration, and

more! We continue to keep our eyes open for ways that we can utilize this seed money to do God's work in the world. If you have an idea for an action team, please let one of the pastors know!

## Congregational Meeting Postponed

*Gary Sahn, Council President*



The Congregational Meeting to elect Council members that is normally held in April has been postponed until Church Council is able to reschedule for another time. There are no

provisions in our current Constitution that would allow the congregation to conduct a vote WITHOUT holding an in-person meeting. In other words, we can't conduct any sort of remote electronic vote. In the meantime, of the four outgoing council members, three have agreed to remain in their council roles until the meeting can be

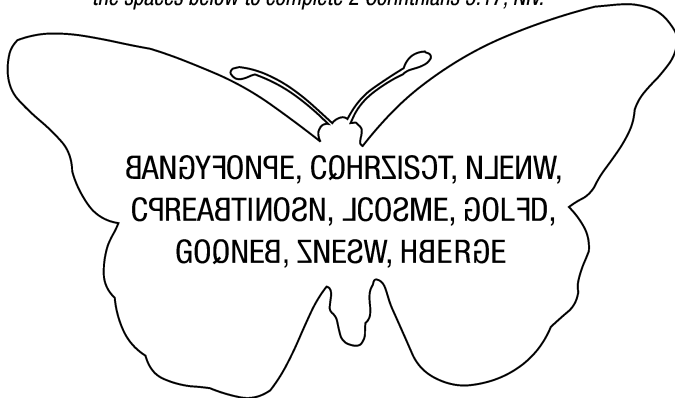
rescheduled and an election can be held. The Council has determined this to be the best course of action to enable the Council to continue to look after the affairs of the congregation and meet the requirements of our constitution and bylaws.



# TransformationPOWER

 Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
God transforms us from old to new. 

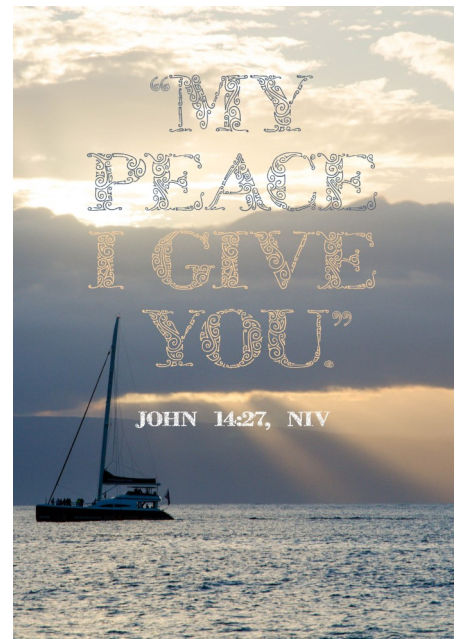
*Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*



Therefore, if \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:  
The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Amanda Horine – 6
- Madison Merrill – 6
- Shannon Radmacher – 6
- Kevin Britt – 7
- Dean Watson – 11
- Abby Mellon – 12
- Emma Stanley – 16
- Patti Henkel – 18
- Ellie Forbes – 20
- Paul Economy – 20
- David Neeley – 20
- Bill Wilhelm – 21
- Stuart Dillon – 22
- Peter Shick – 23
- Lauren Ward – 24
- Scottie McCutchen – 24
- Meagan Wilhelm – 25
- Anna Grace Radtke – 27
- Flo Maki – 31

## Bible Quiz

Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of — incredibly! — a site that still exists. What is that site?

- A. The Panathenaic Stadium
- B. The Areopagus
- C. The Acropolis and the Parthenon
- D. The Temple of Hephaestus



Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)

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#### **Church Council**

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Betty Holland, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary

Members: Doug Layman, Shannon Radmacher, Kathleen Radtke, Donna Spradlin, Dan Horine, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

