

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JUNE 2020

Summer Worship Schedule

Following the traditions of St. Philip, starting Memorial Day Weekend we will **transition to one Summer worship service at 9:30am**. This service will be on the Church Online platform at 9:30, but will also be available on the church website and Facebook page. You may also access the service by phone, please contact the church office for those details. We are so grateful that even in the midst of pandemic, we are still able to gather for worship digitally. It's not quite our in-person gatherings, of course, but we are thankful that the love of God meets us exactly where we are.

Additionally, we are continuing our Monday Morning Bible Study into June! Join us by way of Zoom on Monday mornings at 9:30am to delve into God's word.

Summer Zoom Café

One of our beloved traditions at St. Philip is gathering for Café. Immediately following 9:30am worship each Sunday this summer, join in here: <https://zoom.us/j/83365884341> and enter password 24019 at the prompt. **(NOTE NEW LINK FOR CAFÉ)** or call 929 436 2866 and enter meeting number 83365884341 at the prompt.

What's Next for Worship and Gathering?

Pastor David and Pastor Laura

We miss you! One of the gifts of living in a community as St. Philip is being with one another. But even as we have missed being together physically, we give thanks that we have never ceased being the church. God has walked with us through this season and will continue to guide and comfort us in the days and weeks to come.

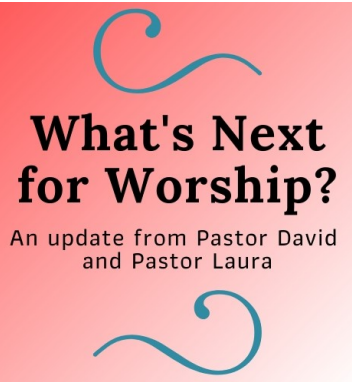
As has been the case throughout pandemic living, we are creatively trying to live out the good news of the living Christ even as circumstances change rapidly. Some ongoing updates:

- St. Philip will continue to offer virtual worship experiences. For the summer months Open Doors worship will be happening at 9:30am. Please continue to enjoy this worship option either online or via telephone conference call.
- St. Philip is exploring options for Drive In Worship in the church parking lot. Through a radio transmitter worship will be broadcast using the FM radio in the vehicle. Windows must stay rolled up throughout the service to prevent the spread of the virus between closely parked cars. **We are overjoyed that communion will be celebrated at the drive in worship service.** Worshippers are asked to bring their own communion elements with them to worship. Worship elements include bread, gluten free bread or crackers, and either wine or grape juice. As soon as our inaugural Drive In Worship is ready, you will be notified via our One Call Now telephone service.
- St. Philip's COVID 19 Preparedness Team: Shannon Radmacher, Donna Wright, Dan Horine, Marlene Craig, Jodi Henrickson, and Nancy Shadix are busy gathering needed supplies, marking space for social distancing, producing communications for a return to worship in our sanctuary when that time comes.

We will continue to keep you updated. Count on weekly announcements by way of email on Fridays, keep checking email inboxes throughout the week for more time sensitive communications. One Call Now telephone calls will generally be scheduled for 4:00pm as another communication alternative. Of course, regularly go to the St. Philip webpage and the St. Philip Facebook page for resources and communications as well.

We know that this time of pandemic has not been easy. We miss worshipping with our St. Philip family and spending time with one another. We give thanks that this hard time will not last forever. In the meantime, we give thanks for one another, for the ways we are connecting during this time, and the love of God that holds us always.

In God's care,
Pastor David and Pastor Laura

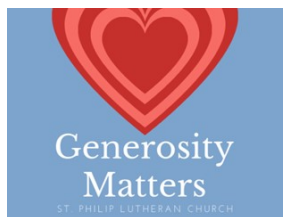


Generosity Matters

Pastor David

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for all the ways you are responding to God's gifts with generosity.

Traditionally, at St. Philip, we have engaged in some sort of stewardship emphasis each spring. This year is different. As has been made clear in recent weeks, the building on Williamson Rd. is not St. Philip Lutheran Church, but merely one of the resources to enable ministry.



Our shared ministry is supported by your offerings! Thanks to you our staff is paid, resources are available for digital and in-person ministries, and St. Philip is able to impact our community in powerful ways.

Thank you, thank you, thank you - generosity in this community of faith has made possible:

- Online worship happens on a weekly basis with more people connecting than ever before.
- Preschoolers and children have materials for faith formation at home.
- Subsidies for utilities for those

recently unemployed.

- Continued connections and resources for residents at Melrose Towers (A low income housing facility).
- Food for the hungry and some toilet paper too!
- Graduates were remembered by St. Philip in a year of loss.
- Faith formation opportunities happen in new ways.
- Students at Minnick Schools have internet access to continue to learn and grow.

We continue to Live Like That to live out God's mission in the world. Thank you! Generosity matters!

Resources for Ministry

Gary Sahm, Church Council President

Our Financial Status at St. Philip remains strong, due to our strong commitment to generosity.

Our Treasurer reports that through the first four months of 2020, our giving continues to closely keep pace with what our spending plan forecasted. In the spending plan, we anticipated receiving \$100,941.42 through the end

of April, and our total income during the same period was \$98,785.42, just \$2,155.90 less than forecasted.

Expenses for this period are slightly less than our income, by \$579.91. This is fantastic news, considering our 2019 income for the same period was \$97,730.53; so, we are ahead of giving compared to a year ago!

In case you may be thinking this happened because of a couple

exceptionally strong months before the pandemic, I am happy to report that our April 2020 income totaled \$26,104.55, compared to April 2019 total income of \$19,513.13. This is amazing, considering the circumstances we face.

Thanks, and Praise to God for the abundance with which St. Philip's has been Blessed; an abundance of resources, and an abundance of Generosity!

Church Council News – May 2020

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Gary Sahm gave the Treasurer's Report in Peter Shick's absence. The report for month ending April 30, 2020 showed receipts of \$26,104.55 and year to date receipts through April total \$98,785.42, or \$2,155.90 less than budgeted. For comparison purposes, receipts for month ending April 30, 2019 showed receipts of \$19,513.00, so giving remains strong.

Donna Spradlin, Kathleen Radtke, and Gary Dudley have been asked to serve on a subgroup to update the church constitution.

The "Paycheck Protection Program" is a provision under the CARES Act

passed by Congress. Its primary purpose is to allow small businesses (including churches) to keep their employees on the payroll. St Philip's application for 2.5 months of payroll expenses was approved and we received \$42,807.90. These funds are being set aside in a designated account and payroll expenses over the next couple months will be tracked and reported to the bank by the Treasurer. This will satisfy the requirements of the program, and insure the loan is 100% forgiven.

Pastor David reported Synod Assembly had been canceled.

Pastor Laura reported on the Synod wide project to gain internet access for Minnick students and teachers. Many of the students do not have access so are unable to do school work. The Synod has requested congregations propose to request money to help with

this project. A congregational request for donations will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Pastor Laura reported council will add to the donations made by members so our church donation total would be \$1,500.00. Donations are made on-line through Lutheran Family Services. More information on this project can be found on the Synod website.

Council members reviewed a proposed outline titled, "Phased Reopening Practices of St. Philip Lutheran Church". Information in this document will be sent out to the congregation.

A Healing Service lifting up hurts and laments will be digitally held on Wednesday, May 20th. Information will be sent out on this service.

The next council meeting is June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

St. Philip Celebrates With This Years' Graduates

Allen Britt graduated from Radford University on May 9, 2020, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. While at Radford Allen interned at 1901 Group in Blacksburg, 1901 provides IT as a service to other companies and government organizations. After taking a job offer with 1901, Allen is now working as a Cyber Security Analyst.

Tyler Derrick I am excited to share that I graduated from Roanoke College this May 2020 with a bachelor's degree in history as well as a minor in German and a concentration in Anthropology. Initially commencement was planned for May 2 but considering the current situation an updated time for this ceremony hasn't been given yet. Once I had graduated, I had initially hoped to embark on an 11-month service based, discernment journey through a Lutheran church program called Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Unfortunately, along with many things, this year of YAGM has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and I will not be spending the year abroad with this program. However, I do intend to extend my application to next years program as a priority candidate. I am still unsure what the immediate and distant future holds for me but I expect to follow a path into public service of some sort. During my time at Roanoke I was an avid intramural basketball player, tour guide, overnight student host, and countless other little things. I am grateful for your support during those four years and always looked forward to getting a holiday greeting cards,

care packages, sometimes seeing congregation members on campus, and so much more.

Justin Craig I graduated from William Fleming High School In the spring of 2020. I will be attending Virginia Western in the fall, and then transfer to Virginia Tech after my second year. I will most likely major in wildlife biology or some kind of Environmental study, and may minor in sport marketing or business. I want to thank everyone who has helped me become the person I am today. I look forward to going to college to learn new things.

Emileigh Smith graduates from Glenvar High School on May 20, 2020. She will be attending Emory and Henry College in the Fall. She plans to major in Exercise Science. Emileigh has also committed to cheer at Emory and Henry. In her time at Glenvar she was a member of the JV and Varsity Cheer squads, captain her senior year and also made second team All State in competition cheer senior year. She was also a three year member of the JV and Varsity Softball teams.

Reece Derrick I will graduate from Northside High School and Roanoke Valley Governor's School and I will attend the University of Virginia this fall (hopefully actually on campus). I plan to pursue a major in the social sciences with the hopes of attending law school to become a defense attorney. I want to thank St. Philip for giving me a safe and wonderful community to grow up in. From the old days as a young buck drawing on the now-retired children's activity bags to leading and planning a youth event this past fall, you've been there every step of the way.

Pentecost Packets for Kids

Faith Formation has taken on new forms during this time of Pandemic, but the learning has not stopped! In celebration of Pentecost, children at St. Philip were mailed special Pentecost Packets. These packets included information about the story of Pentecost, crafts, and a service project! Through these packets, our young people and their families could bake a cake to celebrate the birthday of the church, read the story of how the Holy Spirit appeared that day, complete spirit-themed crafts, and reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for our young people and the ways that they continue to grow into who God has called them to be!

Wifi for Minnick Students

The Minnick School is a local school serving students of differing abilities. Like all schools, during this time of Pandemic, they have had to move to e-learning. Unfortunately, many of the Minnick Students do not have access to the internet at home. In response to this, the Virginia Synod launched a campaign to raise money for students' internet access. St. Philip pledged a \$1,500 donation. We give thanks for the generous hearts of this congregation that continually look to serve the community. You may make a donation to this project here: <https://lfsva.org/minnickstudentwifi>

Tongues of Fire Virtual 5K

On Pentecost, May 31, the Virginia Synod hosted a Virtual 5k! St. Philipians participated with the team name Soles for St. Philip. Participants were able to run, jog, walk, and/or cheer to celebrate the ever-moving Holy Spirit! Team Captain Liz Leonard coordinated the St. Philipians and all participated at their own homes. It was a fun way to give thanks to God for the gift of our bodies and the work of the Holy Spirit!

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

June Birthdays

Wendy Johnston - 5
Kelly Truax - 8
Jonathan Robertson - 12
Emileigh Smith – 16
Judy Diekow – 17
Sue Huntington – 17
Kelly Derrick - 26
Calvin Knotts - 27
Don Hunt - 27
Charles Shadix - 28
Paul Roush - 29

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Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian

Church Council

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, Donna Spradlin, Dan Horine, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

