

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE OCTOBER 2020

Blood Drive

St. Philip will host its annual Blood Drive on October 12 from 10am-4:00pm and October 13 from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. These dates are to accommodate the large number of donors the St. Philip drive serves while maintaining social distancing practices.



Please note that because of COVID-19 **NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All donors must make appointments. To schedule an appointment, you may go to redcrossblood.org and search for blood drives in 24019 zip code or contact Debbie Kanode at dwkanode@comcast.net. The Blood Drive team is excited for this opportunity to serve our community! "It feels good to save a life."

Outdoor Family Movie Night

You're invited for a fun outdoor family movie night on Friday, October 16! The film will begin at 7pm, so come a few minutes before to get all set up. Bring your blankets, outdoor chairs, and favorite movie snacks! Please see one of the pastors for more information.



Confirmation on Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 25 St. Philip will celebrate powerful history in the life of the church remembering Martin Luther and the protestant reformation (see article below). The congregation will also celebrate the powerful present of the church by witnessing the public affirmation of faith by some of the young people at St Philip. This profession of faith is called confirmation. Confirmation is simply a chance for young people who after study and conversation want to say out loud "I believe!" This year celebrate with Griffin Horacek, Leah Horine, Ella Johnston, and Ridge Radtke. Congratulations Griffin, Leah, Ella, and Ridge! Be sure to check out Open Doors Digital Worship on October 25 at 11:00am to be a part of this special time for some of the young people of St. Philip.



Confirmation Celebration

Reformation Sunday – Reformed and Reforming

On Sun. October 25 St. Philip will observe Reformation Sunday by remembering the events that led to the Protestant Reformation and formation of the Lutheran Church.

As Lutherans, we most assuredly look back and recognize the momentous historical shift that took place during the time of the Reformation. And even as we celebrate that history, we continuously look forward to ways in which we are reshaped and reformed as the body of Christ.



At the 9:30am Drive Up service, we are excited to hear the beauty of trumpet heralding the heartwarming reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress." Wear red to worship and experience the power of God's Spirit always reforming us with red streamers for your vehicle as we depart. Other special music and liturgy will mark the day.

At the Open Doors digital worship count on special music and liturgy as well. Decorate the worship space in your home with anything and everything red to remember God's active Spirit. Wear your red! Feel free to decorate a pumpkin (like the 95 theses) with the movings of the Spirit in your own life; a celebration or a hoped for future.

All Saints Worship Set-Up

All Saints Sunday is the festival to commemorate all those who died and have now entered the "Communion of Saints." It's a deeply meaningful Sunday that celebrates an everlasting connection in the Body of Christ. As the St. Philip congregation worships virtually this All Saints Sunday on November 1, you are encouraged to set up a home worship space to enhance your worship experience. You can be as creative as you'd like with your space, but the pastors encourage you to include a candle to represent the light of Christ, a small bowl of water to remind you of your baptism, a cross, and pictures and/or written names of your loved ones who have now joined the Church Triumphant. May this worship space remind you that you are never alone and never without the love of God in Christ that unites us all.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

St. Philip Lutheran 19th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 10, 1pm at Blue Hills Golf Club, Register by Sept. 30 - \$260 per team/\$65 per golfer

FORE! Watch out, this is the big one!! St. Philip's 19th annual golf tournament will be a great community-

building event, and it also serves as the primary fundraiser for our youth ministries. Besides all the uncertainties of life in a pandemic, this year will be different. Please note we will host the tournament at a new site – BLUE HILLS GOLF CLUB. Secondly, our dinner will be held outside at the church on the back of the hill allowing participants to maintain a safe distance

from one another (Don't forget to bring a mask). This event has grown over the past several years, and our goal is to fill the entire course with tournament players. **Registration forms and sponsorship information are available on our church website or by calling the church office for a mailed copy.**



Blessing of the Animals

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St. Philip hosts a blessing of animals service on his feast day. In 2020, this special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 2pm



near the playground. If you have a special animal – great or small, real or stuffed – you wish to be blessed, please bring that animal or a picture of that animal to St. Philip on October 4 for this opportunity. Masks

and social distancing will be practiced. You may also bring a donation for Angels of Assisi. (See here for a wishlist: <https://www.angelsofassisi.org/needed-supplies>).

Tuesday Prayer - 8am to noon

Pastor Laura

The pastors are excited to continue to have the sanctuary open for prayer from **8am to noon**. The sanctuary will be open for prayer every Tuesday in October from **8am to noon** for anyone

who would like to come and use the space for prayer and meditation. When you enter the sanctuary, there will be a paper resource with listed prayers that you are welcome to pray. Please take a paper and leave it in your seat when you have finished, so that someone else will know not to sit there. It will also be a tangible reminder that our

church community is still united in prayer while we are physically distanced. If you are not the only person in the sanctuary, please wear a mask. We are grateful for the ability to gather in prayer in a meaningful way.



Church Council News – September 2020

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Treasurer reports receipts for month ending August 31, 2020 of \$16,521.12, and year-to-date receipts of \$171,367.54. Expenses in September were \$22,183.72, and year-to-date expenses are \$149,147.10. Giving to the general fund is down \$12,000.00 from this time last year. However, the church has maintained positive cash flow and revenue is \$22,220.00 ahead of expenses so far this year.

Council approved the 2020 Endowment Distribution of \$16,000.00 as follows:

- 20% - Capital Improvement/ Facilities & Property 3,500.00 New Carpet in Sanctuary

- 20% Maintenance \$3,500.00 New Carpet in Sanctuary
- 25% Internal Congregation Ministry Seed Money \$3,500 Pastor Olivier (substitute organist)
- 35% Generosity Outside the Congregation (Benevolence) \$5,000 "A Future with Hope" and \$500 Roanoke County Police Foundation

The COVID Preparedness Team reported continue two drive-up services would continue on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The time has been changed to 9:30 am because of the excessive heat in the late morning. The online "Open Doors" service will continue at 11:00 am. There are two fellowship picnics scheduled for September 26 and October 6 beginning at 5:00 pm.

Council approved \$10,500.00 to be set aside to cover the cost to replace the carpet in the sanctuary in the walkways, alter and pulpit areas. One estimate has been received. However,

council members felt several more estimates were needed before a final decision was made on having the carpet replaced.

Pastor David, Gary Sahm and Peter Shick are to meet on September 10 to begin work on the compensation part of the 2021 Spending Plan.

Council approved a \$500.00 donation to the Roanoke County Police Foundation.

Planning has begun on the Feast of Philip Meal in November. The plan is to use the Feeding America kitchen to prepare to-go meals.

Council discussed having a congregational meeting on September 27 at the drive-up service to vote on the constitutional changes. Letters and information will be sent out to the congregation.

The next council meeting will be October 6, 2020, 7:00pm via Zoom.

Faith Formation News

Kids

Faith formation for young people at St. Philip (Age 2-5th Grade) is going to look a bit different this year, but we are excited to delve into learning more about the story of God's love for us through song, story, and other activities! Each child received a packet of lessons for each week of the Fall. St. Philip will release a video every week with the week's Bible story and a song. The video can be found at <http://www.stphiliplutheran.net/online-worship>.

Students are then invited to complete the corresponding activity page in their lesson packet. Students are also invited to a Zoom hangout with the pastors on Sundays at noon! We are grateful for our bright and creative young Philippians and the opportunity to engage in faith learning with them! The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81001460159?pwd=Umt5ZFVhYlFhUzVVCV2dIUWZrcGYwdz09>

Youth

Youth Group Outside: 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!! We will meet via Zoom if there is inclement weather.

October:

- 4th – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
- October 10 - Youth Golf Tournament
- 18th – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm

As always keep paying attention to emails and text messages for reminders.

Bible Study

A look at the scriptures for the week resumed in September. The pastors were excited to get the Bible Study group back together! Join in wherever you are on Zoom on Mondays at 9:30am using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

[j/83895365636?pwd=bGMzNzJkYk9mUDdnK094dmw4OEM0Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83895365636?pwd=bGMzNzJkYk9mUDdnK094dmw4OEM0Zz09)

Adults

Faith formation is a lifelong experience! Some of that happens on your own as you study scripture, live in service for the sake of the neighbor, and pray without ceasing. Some of the best faith formation happens in community with one another. You are invited to a faith formation event called Fireside Faith on Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm for faith conversation around the fire. Bring your lawn chair, your favorite beverage, and your curiosity as we gather on the hill behind the church around the campfire (the campfire is provided).

Our faith conversation will be centered on "What Does God Do About Suffering?"

- What do you think?
- Have you ever asked the question "Why God?"
- What if everything doesn't happen for a reason?
- Does this question have anything to do with original sin? What does it mean to exercise free will?
- Does Jesus as the suffering servant speak to this question?

These will be a few of the questions to get conversation going. This time will be for us to grow in relationship with God and one another.

Fall Zoom Book Study

Join Pastor Laura for a Zoom book study Monday nights in October at 7pm! As part of our ongoing racial justice conversations, the group will be discussing Austin Channing Brown's New York Times Bestselling memoir, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* - "An eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals." The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83749477778?pwd=dXB2VnJSdmJNcnJsZklnN2k3ZHhkZz09>

Thank you and welcome back.

A huge thank you to Pastor Keith Olivier for faithfully offering his gifts of musical accompaniment during the past several weeks in our worship. We are so grateful for his talents shared with the St. Philip community.

AND welcome back to the piano and organ Judy Burnette. After successful surgery we are excited to have our director of music adding back to her work here at St. Philip playing and blessing our worship with her missed musical gifts.

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
Forest Kanode - Kanodes' grandson
Jamie Hinkle - Kanode's friend
Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister
Barbara Simpson - Member



October Birthdays

Ian Lowdon	October 01
Haley Leftwich	October 06
Emely Casadevall	October 07
Max Holland	October 11
Matthew Smith	October 10
Loretta Roush	October 13
Becky Riquelmy	October 16
Chuck Jecminek	October 21
Gloria Moore	October 22
Andrew Whetzel	October 22
Dave Mellon	October 23
Gay Streithof	October 25
Donna Abbott	October 28
Derrick Radtke	October 29
Ruth Heinzelmann	October 30
Lynn Lawson	October 31
Bev Stith	October 31

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Change Service Requested

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Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian

Church Council

Gary Sahm, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Abby and Dave Mellon, 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

