

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JANUARY 2021

Pastors' Schedules

The church office will be closed Thursday, December 24 until Monday, January 4 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. If there is a pastoral emergency during this time, reach out to Pastor David.

Pastor David will be on vacation January 3 – 13. Please see Pastor Laura with questions or pastoral emergencies.

Pointsettia Dedications

Gifts of poinsettias in the sanctuary were made by:

- * Dan & Shannon Radmacher in memory of Dianna Pickering and Richard Radmacher
- * Laura & Luke Swanson in honor of Sonya & Buddy Dunklin and Mark Swanson & Laura Csellak

Elijah's Backpack Dedications

- * Donations to Elijah's Backpack were made by:
- * Marjorie Nickum in memory of Otto and Jane Koppen
- * Lynn Lawson in honor of Cory and Katryn, Marjorie Nickum, and Richard
- * David and Kelly Derrick in honor of Tyler, Drew, and Reece Derrick
- * Cindy and Robbie Fielder in memory of Al & Margaret Wilkins, Bob & June Fielder and in honor of Justin Fielder & Robyn & Bryan Shepardson

Making Christ Known!

Pastor David

“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’”
Matthew 2:1-2

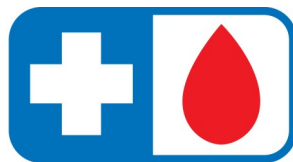
“Praise [God], sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!” Psalm 148:3

Epiphany, the coming of the Magi to visit the baby Jesus, is observed on January 6. It celebrates Christ being made known to the all the nations. We sing praise to God for God's infinite love for all humanity in the Word made flesh. Every day bears witness to the majesty of God's presence with us. We pray especially this season for the light of Christ being made known in the whole world – remembering those serving as missionaries throughout the world. We also keep in prayer our sisters and brothers in Malawi.

May we join the chorus of the sun, moon, earth and stars as we go forth to witness to the Light of the World, the light no darkness can overcome, the light that shines brightly in our midst. Merry Christmas and a Blessed Epiphany!



Special Winter Blood Drive



Due to critically low blood bank levels impacted by COVID 19 and the expected high need for blood this holiday season, St. Philip has been asked to host an additional blood drive. The drive will be January 12 from 11am to 5pm.

Give Blood

Please sign-up as walk-ins cannot be accepted due to COVID precautions. If you would like to sign-up, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give> or contact Debbie Kanode at 540-589-6865. If you gave a Power Red donation at our Oct. drive you will not yet be able to give again, but if you gave a regular donation you are eligible to give again!

Thank you for giving the gift of life!

January Worship Opportunities


- 11am every Sunday: Church Online (<http://stphiliplutheran.online.church>) & Conference Call
- 9:30am January 10: Drive Up Worship with Holy Communion



Pastoral Responsibilities

Pastor Laura and Pastor David

Together at St. Philip we are constantly about God's mission to Live Like That. We your pastors are excited about all the ministry that happens through this community of faith. Pastor David and Pastor Laura are committed to empowering us to keep ministry moving forward in creative ways. Each of us serve as pastoral liaison for various congregational events and ministries. Below is a chart to explain which pastor serves as liaison for which ministry. While one pastor may serve as the "point person" both pastors are involved in all of these responsibilities together. We hope that you will familiarize yourself with these new designations as we keep loving feeding, and serving together.

Pastor David	Pastor Laura
<p style="text-align: center;">Pastoral Care</p> <p>Congregational Care Ministries Prayer Chain, Card Ministry Meals for Recovering Funeral Receptions Prayer Shawl</p> <p>Faith in Action Building Use Blessing of the Animals Blessing of Backpacks</p> <p>Global Mission Ministry Noisy Offering Mission Fest – Dinner Malawi Art Table Stewardship Annual Emphasis Offering Envelopes</p> <p>Worship Home Communion Ministry Altar Guild Lenten Round Robin Digital Worship Worship Assistants Prayer List Youth Sunday Celebration Sundays</p> <p>Youth Ministry Synod Youth Events Youth Group Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner Golf Tournament ELCA National Youth Gathering</p> <p>Music Praise Band Choir Christmas Caroling</p> <p>Administration Offering Counters Property Coordination Thrivent Action Teams</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pastoral Care</p> <p>Social Justice Ministries Elijah's Backpack Feast at Philips – Thanksgiving Day of Service Grocery Bag Ministry Christmas Shopping for Kids Witnessing Paws Intergenerational Service Project Melrose Towers Minnick Learning Site Souper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>Faith Formation Monday Morning Bible Study Intergenerational Events Book Club Family Faith Formation Youth Group Children's Info Table Splash Sponsors</p> <p>Fellowship Church Picnic Advent Wreath Kickoff Easter Egg Hunt Special Events Café Ice Cream Social</p> 

Church Council News – December 2020

Linda Duncan Rhodes

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

The Treasurer reports receipts for month ending November 30, 2020 of \$24,724.12, and year-to-date receipts of \$204,227.21. Giving for November was very close to our giving in November 2019. Expenses in November were \$23,390.69, and year-to-date expenses are \$220,849.59. Expenses for the month of November were \$1,500.00 less than our receipts. The Treasurer continues to anticipate finishing the year in the black. Davenport Investments are doing well.

The congregational meeting held via Zoom on December 6, 2020 went well. Those elected by the congregation to serve on church council are as follows:

- Gary Sahn
- Kathleen Radtke
- Gary Dudley
- Donna Wright
- Jacob Schult (youth representative)

The congregation voted and approved the 2021 Spending Plan for \$311,759.94 with estimated receipts of \$244,919.40 which leaves a deficit of \$68,840.54. This “deficit” is a worst-case scenario and Gary Sahn stated church council is hopeful that 2021 giving will be significantly higher than

the Spending Plan projection. In addition, there is a staffing fund of \$45,000 which was set aside that can be used if needed to help with the deficit.

Pastor David reported the dishwasher in the parsonage had quit working and repairs were estimated at \$600.00. Council agreed a new dishwasher should be purchased instead of repairs.

Pastor David will be on vacation January 3 thru January 13, 2021. Pastor Laura will be present for worship on January 10, 2021 and pastoral needs.

The next council meeting will be held on January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Faith Formation News

Kids' Faith Formation

Every week Pastor Laura posts on the St. Philip website and the Facebook page a video with a Bible story and song for young people to enjoy! Then

they are invited to work on the corresponding activity pages in the activity booklets that were mailed to them. Learning and fun continue, even while we cannot be together physically.

Monday Morning Bible Study: Study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday the Monday prior. Join us from wherever you are on Zoom.com on Mondays at 9:30am. Meeting i.d. 838 9536 5636, Passcode: 24019.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Book and Movie Study

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is not just for children. Perhaps the preeminent of Christian author C. S. Lewis's writings will be a book for a book study in February! The best part of this book study is that

even non-book readers can participate. For those of you who always “wait for the movie” you are in luck. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is a feature film as well. This book (and movie) is a fictional, fantastical adventure that incorporates Christian themes and symbolism.

For now pick up a copy of the book at the library or your favorite book retailer or check out the movie available on DVD through Redbox or streaming on Disney+ as well as on Amazon Prime.

Discussion meeting times and Zoom meeting information will be in February's newsletter.

A Myriad of “Thanks”

To You

Thank you, thank you! Your St. Philip staff is so grateful for the Christmas gift and the deep generosity of this congregation. The privilege of serving alongside all of you to proclaim the love of Christ in the world is truly the gift that keeps on giving. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for all the ways that we partner in mission throughout the year.

To Musicians, Band, and Choir

St. Philip was richly blessed this Christmas season with the wonderful contributions of St. Philip musicians with their virtual musical performances. We are so grateful to the choir participants and the praise band for sharing their gifts and producing music which lifted our spirits and enriched the season greatly. Thank you, thank you for all those who shared their musical gifts and technical skills for compiling these beautiful performances!

To Those Who Have Supported Melrose Towers

Over the years, the St. Philip community has developed a wonderful relationship with the residents of Melrose Towers and the coordinator of resident services, Barbara James. Thank you to all of the St. Philipians who generously donated gifts so that the Melrose Residents would have necessary household items and other necessities this holiday season! Thank you to the coordinators and donors for another great donation drive.

Kids! Here's a fun image you can color and send to a loved one to wish them well in the new year!



Staying Connected is a "Breeze"

Laura Weatherford Burns (Latham)

Have you checked out the church database and directory application called Breeze? If not, this is a fantastic way for you to help you stay in touch with your St. Philip community without needing to call around for a person's contact information or dig out a church directory that may be out of date.

You can also keep your own contact information current as it changes. If you moved, got a new phone or a new email address, or added a member of the family, it's easy to enter or update that information as it happens. This helps others and the church office communicate with you better.

Be sure to check out Breeze! Access church directory information on a computer at <https://stphiliplutheran.breezechms.com> or download an app for Android and iPhone by searching "Breeze CHMS." (The icon looks like a sailboat). Once you access Breeze create an account. The church's id is stphiliplutheran. If there is a profile in Breeze that matches your name and email address, Breeze will send you an email with an invite link. If you need help, please contact Laura Weatherford Burns (Latham) in the church office.

If you'd rather have a hard copy or a pdf of the church directory the church office can also provide that for you. Please contact Laura Weatherford Burns and let her know your preferred format.

Looking For A Project?

Speak with Pastor David if you would like to help with a project or two around the church facility. The property team especially would love anyone who -

- Can apply a fresh coat of paint
- Is willing to do a little landscaping work around the property
- Is an organizer of cabinets and storage places

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
 Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister
 Barbara Simpson - Member

January Birthdays

Sonja Jecminek	January 01
Fay Whitt	January 01
Jerry Falk	January 02
Rob Wright	January 06
Richard Finger	January 08
Elizabeth Reiter	January 08
Robbie Fielder	January 10
Alison Jennings	January 16
Glenn Kanode	January 16
Zippie Smith	January 16
Rosie Falk	January 21
Rod Dillman	January 22
Madora Dooley	January 25
Paisley Leftwich	January 27

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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Laura J. Weatherford Burns, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)
Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)
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,
Donna Wright, Dan Horine, Jacob Schult

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

