

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MAY 2021

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Pentecost Sunday

Happy birthday,
dear church!

What is
Pentecost, you
ask? It's a
festival of the
church that
celebrates the
power of the
Holy Spirit and



the birth of the church! On Pentecost Sunday we hear the story from the book of Acts of how the Holy Spirit descended like tongues of fire above people's heads. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they were able to understand one another, even though they were speaking different languages!

On Pentecost Sunday, wear the color red to celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit then and the ways the Spirit is moving among us now! Join in worship this Pentecost Sunday, May 23 as we, give thanks to God for the ever transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of the church!

Indoor Worship Option Beginning May 2

The pastors and church council are excited to offer the option of worship in the St. Philip sanctuary, beginning on May 2 at 9:30am! This worship will also be streamed live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StPhilipLutheran as well as being available via conference call.



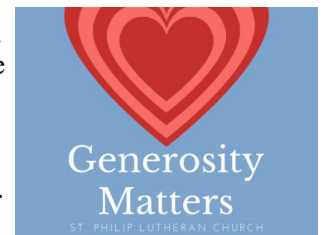
As we enter into the new phase of worshipping together, we are filled with many emotions; joy, relief, excitement, and so much more. We, as your pastors, cannot tell you how wonderful, and moving, it will be to see all of your faces as we lead worship together.

For some of you this day back in our sanctuary has been a long time coming, for others, the choice to be in the sanctuary is still down the line a bit. The reality of a year of pandemic living has certainly taught us that people have a wide variety of perspectives - which of course is the case for the St. Philip community as well.

As we return to the sanctuary, please remember to offer patience and grace for all those perspectives, as well as for a worship experience that is not quite like the one from a year ago. Remember that you may not be able to sit in your regular spot and we might all have a bit of trouble getting everyone's name correct. Remember to ask someone if it's okay to hug them and be okay with some people not being ready for that just yet. Remember that it has been a year since many have seen each other and stories and lives have changed in that time. Mostly, remember that we are a community of faith where the constancy of God's love is promised and present. Thanks be to God for abiding with us through this season and guiding us into the next!

Generosity Matters – It's a Spiritual Thing

Thank you! Thank you so much for your continued support of the ministry we share. As has been made clear over the past year, 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.



During the month of May, the congregation plans to celebrate how Generosity Matters and giving is one of the ways we, as Christians, live out the faith and grow in faith. Starting May 2 and continuing to Consecration Sunday on May 30 the St. Philip Stewardship Team will be sharing stories, resources, and communications with the intention of growing faith. As always check your mailboxes, your inboxes, the St. Philip website, and social media platforms to celebrate how Generosity Matters – It's a Spiritual Thing!

Blood Drive News

The social justice team is continuing the awesome ministry of supporting the community's wellness through blood donations this month! St. Philip is hosting another blood drive on May

10 from 10am-4pm and May 11 from 1pm-7pm.

Please contact the church office or Debbie Kanode to sign up. You may also register at redcrossblood.org/give. One donation can save up to three

lives, please help save lives together! If you have received a COVID-19 vaccine, you are still eligible to give. Please bring your vaccination card with you to your donation appointment.



Church Council News April 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

The Treasurer report showed receipts for the month ending March 31, 2021 of \$15,542.22 and year-to-date receipts of \$60,403.19 which is \$17,536.81 under budget. Expenses for March were under budget; however, expenses exceeded the March monthly income by \$8,141.00 making the year-to-date deficit \$13,031.00. The March 31 cash balance is \$9,000.00 less than February as a result of the operating deficit. Davenport Investments continue to do well.

St. Philip will return to in-person worship on May 2, 2021 with one service beginning at 9:30 am. The COVID Preparedness Report was given by Shannon Radmacher outlining the protocol to be used for the in-person worship service. Pastor David reported this information has been shared with the congregation.

A congregational meeting will be held on April 25, 2021 at 10:00am to vote on incoming council members and changes made to Endowment Plan guidelines.

Council will have a retreat via Zoom on Saturday, April 24 from 10am - noon.

The kickoff for the congregation's Stewardship Emphasis "Generosity Matters – It's a Spiritual Thing" will begin on Sunday, May 2 and run until Consecration Sunday on May 30.

Pastor David reported Rod Dillman has been obtaining bids to have the Preschool classrooms painted. Pastor David also reported the lights under the Portico have been repaired and are now functional.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Pentecost Picnic

As we, as Christians, celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of the church on Pentecost Sunday, continue the celebration that evening with a congregational picnic! Join in a picnic behind the church at 5pm on

Sunday, May 23! Come enjoy time with your St. Philip family; children can play on the playground together. Savor the gift of community! Due to pandemic precautions, bring your own picnic food and drink for you and your family to enjoy. Masks do not need to be worn at your picnic spot, but please

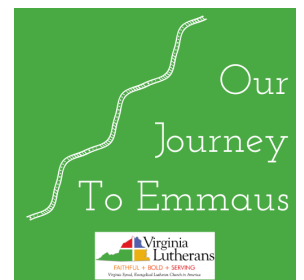
wear them as your walk around and socialize with others. We're looking forward to a wonderful evening of food and fellowship this Pentecost!



"Our Journey to Emmaus"

St. Philip is excited to partner with the Virginia Synod for a fun faith formation activity for all ages! Participants will engage the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24) in seven movements over seven Sundays beginning on May 2. Each weekly

email will have a portion of the story, reflections for all ages, and movement activities for all types of bodies. Be sure to register at the link to receive the weekly emails! You can sign up for weekly emails by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/Road2Emmaus>.



Faith Formation News

Kids' Faith Formation: Faith learning continues for young people at St. Philip! Our children, 2 years - 5th grade were sent activity packets that correspond with our weekly videos. Each week, Pastor Laura creates a video sharing a Bible story and song. Those videos are posted on our church Facebook, as well as our YouTube channel. While we look forward to learning in-person again, we are excited to share these resources for the time being.

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.

Youth Group: Both Middle School and High School Groups meet each month, 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Check out the schedule below and come join the fun!!

May 2 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm – AT CHURCH OUTDOORS!

May 23 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm – AT CHURCH OUTDOORS! (The youth will celebrate Earth Day one month late. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty then plan to hang out for a picnic with the whole congregation at 5pm)

June 6– Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm – AT CHURCH OUTDOORS!



At home with Christ

In *The Longing for Home*, Frederick Buechner writes: “The word “longing” comes from the same root as the word “long” in the sense of length in either time or space and also the word belong, so that in its full richness to long suggests to yearn for a long time for something that is a long way off and something that we feel we belong to and that belongs to us. ... The home we long for and belong to is finally where Christ is. ...home is Christ’s kingdom, which exists both within us and among us as we wend our prodigal ways through the world in search of it.”

While awaiting our heavenly home, we pray: “Most High God, be our shelter from the storm and our dwelling place. May we always be at home with you in the eternal household you have prepared for those who love you. And may Christ always find a pleasant home in and among us. As you have welcomed us into your family, give us the compassion to welcome others into our own homes and lives, knowing that as we do it unto the least of these, we do it unto Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.”

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



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
 Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath’s granddaughter
 Kristi McCraw - Zippie Smith’s daughter
 Don Stith - Member



Cathy Dudley	May 01
Maribeth Bolster	May 04
Piper Hayth	May 04
Shannon Radmacher	May 06
Kevin Britt	May 07
Abby Mellon	May 12
Chuck Spradlin	May 12
Madison Horacek	May 13
Patti Henkel	May 18
Tina Waldron	May 19
Paul Economy	May 20
Ellie Forbes	May 20
Kinsley Leftwich	May 21
Bill Wilhelm	May 21
Stuart Dillon	May 22
Catherine Mehalic	May 22
Peter Shick	May 23
Scottie Mccutchen	May 24
Aurelia Clark	May 26
Gary Dudley	May 27
Billy Elliott	May 27
Anna Radtke	May 27
Jessica Monroe	May 30

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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;
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

