

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE AUGUST 2021

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Pastors' Schedules

Pastor David will be on vacation July 19 through 31. Pastor Laura is available for pastoral concerns and can be reached at 843-992-2506.

Church Picnic

A wonderful tradition at St. Philip is our annual church picnic! This year, the picnic will be on September 12th from 4-6pm.! Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served buffet style with servers wearing gloves. Individual bags of chips and canned/bottled drinks will also be served. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. Due to COVID concerns if you are more comfortable bringing your own side dish or meal you are welcome to do so. Please bring a lawn chair and come out to spend time together as the St. Philip family.

A Year of Grace

Pastor Laura

As we all enjoy this wonderful summer and head into the Fall, things certainly feel different, don't they? Summer weather is upon us, fun gatherings are happening again, life is looking a bit more familiar in many aspects. We give thanks for the joy of this season! We also give thanks for God's grace that surrounds us always.

As the leadership of St. Philip looked for a theme to guide the congregation in the coming time, they were led to the scripture verse, John 1:16, "From (Christ's) fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace." Together starting this Fall, the congregation is embarking on a Year of Grace. Through worship, faith formation, fellowship and more St. Philip is going to have a great year exploring God's grace and how God is calling us all to be vessels of that grace in the community. Stay tuned for more details to come! In the meantime, can you name one way you experienced God's grace this week?

Tutoring Opportunity - Love Feed Serve

Pastor David

Part of God's mission for us as Christians is to serve our neighbors. One way to do that is by serving as tutors for some of the youngest in the St. Philip community. An effort last spring to connect in this way got sidetracked due to pandemic restrictions. St. Philip and the Neighborhood Engagement Task Group want to try again this fall. St. Philip is partnering with Burlington Elementary School, meeting with students who have fallen behind or are struggling with their studies. St. Philip would love to have as many tutors as possible! Know that the primary role for tutors is to be an encourager and cheerleader. You DO NOT need to be a school wizard.

If you have time available in the afternoons and can serve St. Philip's neighbors in this way, contact Pastor David either by email or phone. **The pastors and the team are still working through details but want to have tutors lined up and ready to go.**

October Blood Drive

Debbie Kanode

St. Philip's next blood drive will be held Monday, October 4th from 11:00am to 7:00pm. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org, search zip code 24019 to register. Share with friends, family and co-workers.

The need for blood donations is at a very critical stage. Red Cross has stated due to various reasons donations are down and only had a half of a day blood supply for local hospital emergency rooms recently.

You can give whole blood every 56 days and power reds every 120 days. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Kanode, CP Staley or Linda Rhodes.

IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE. Sign up today and give the gift of life.

Day of Service

St. Philip and the Social Justice team is excited to join neighbors at Melrose Towers for a picnic lunch on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on August 22! The congregation will serve the residents a lunch of fried chicken and delicious sides. Each resident will also

receive a bag of helpful household items. The team is so looking forward to serving the residents of Melrose and continuing to build relationships with them!

The residents appreciate receiving gifts of toiletries, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and

paper towels – items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Bring donated items to the church throughout the month of August and place them on the Melrose table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to help volunteer on this day, please contact Linda Duncan Rhodes or Pastor Laura.

Witnessing Paws

One of the unique and beloved ministries of St. Philip is the Witnessing Paws Program. With the great leadership of Sybille and Mark Nelson and their team, dogs are trained, evaluated, and certified to be pet therapy dogs to serve in a variety of contexts.

Here's some exciting information about where the puppies from the last

two litters of Ciao Bella Retrievers went: From Truffle's litter, one puppy became a service dog, five became pet therapy dogs, one is a companion for a child with special needs, two are family companions and one is a breeding prospect. From Razzle's litter, there are two service dogs, one pet therapy dog to help Navy Seals in Norfolk, VA, and two are family companions.

Witnessing Paws plans to resume

evaluations for pet therapy animals in August at St. Philip.

What a wonderful blessing this ministry is to so many! We are so thankful for the faithful love and care of these dogs and for the ways they selflessly serve and bring healing, comfort, and joy to others! Thank you, Witnessing Paws, for showing the love of God so uniquely and powerfully!

Malawi Connection

Pastor David and Gary Dudley

As Christians, we are a global community. St. Philip continues to be in partnership with neighbors near and far, particularly connecting with siblings in Christ of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi. The two Churches accompany one another for the sake of the gospel.

Malawi celebrated 57 years of independence from Britain on July 10th, 2021. The transition from colonial colony to independence has

brought with it challenges involving poverty, natural disasters, corruption charges, and disease. Through it all, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi has been a blessing to its members and source of spiritual and nutritional support.

Covid vaccine shortages have been a problem, as the country has run out of the AstraZeneca doses on hand. The United States is donating 20 million Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson doses to a group of African countries that include Malawi. However, storage and distribution in a poor nation is an

issue.

Through the abundance of the St. Philip Endowment and St. Philipians' generosity, the Global Mission Team was able to send \$5,000 to St. Philip's Lutheran partners in Malawi to assist in living out the faith, food assistance, and health needs. The Global Mission Team gives thanks for this partnership. The team hopes to soon renew fundraising with noisy offerings and other appeals for the people of Malawi.



Calling all Servants!

Thank you to all of you for the many ways you serve God's church through the ministry of St. Philip. Truly the congregation's calling is to Love, Feed, Serve. As the congregation navigates this "new normal, new church," and transitions back to indoors worship, there are a number of ways you might make an impact on

Sunday mornings. If you have been thinking about ways to reconnect to the ministry at St. Philip, please consider serving as an usher, clicker, sound system operator, reader, or attendance taker. Training will be provided. Please speak to Mary Jo Sahm or one of the pastors for more information or to sign up for one of these important ways you can serve. This is absolutely a great way to live

like that on Sunday morning.

Drummer Wanted

The St. Philip Worship Band is looking for a drummer. Alec Alderman, the band's longtime drummer, moved to Nashville, so the band is looking for someone to help keep the beat. If you think you might be interested, contact Dan Radmacher at danrad@mac.com.

The Growing Community at St. Philip

As a community of faith active in ministry, we expect to worship with zeal, serve the world with gladness, proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, and grow in faith. We also expect our community to grow. Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip, we excitedly look forward to Sunday September 12th, as a date to officially receive new members to the congregation.

You are a part of a growing community. Share your faith with someone you know. Tell someone about the ministry that you are passionate about. Invite someone to worship. Invite someone to worship - they don't even have to live in Roanoke. **Connect someone with St. Philip's Facebook Sunday morning livestream.** God's Spirit is moving through you.

If you are interested in joining the congregation at St. Philip please speak with Pastor Laura or Pastor David.

Special Thank You Notes

I am thankful for all the notes of well wishes, food, and prayers from my St. Philip family following my surgery. What a blessing you have been to me and Charles. I am lucky to have friends like you. Thank you for your care and concern as I continue to recover.

In Christ,
Nancy Shadix

Thanks, thanks, thanks for the great dinner and even more special visit from Donna Wright and Linda Watson. I enjoyed their visit immensely and Billy and I both appreciate dinner. I made chicken soup from the leftover chicken that we are still enjoying.

Again, thanks for your caring and concern.

We are much blessed.
Dedi Spradlin

Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member
Calvin Knotts – Member
Judy Diekow – Member
Kathryn Buchanan – Member
Betty Hammond – Member
Ruth Albertin - Juli Albertin's mother
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
Nancy Shadix - Member

August Birthdays

Bruce Johnson	August 02
Ruth Farmer	August 05
Doug Hiller	August 05
Patrick Reiter	August 08
Jess Staley	August 08
Bob Hartman	August 16
Carol Dillman	August 17
Emerson Hudson	August 17
Lori Clark	August 19
Philip Bolster	August 23
Donna Spradlin	August 23
Susan Ellis	August 25
Brian Johnston	August 25
Keith Schult Jr.	August 27
Cindy Fielder	August 28
Bill Hughes	August 30
Nathan Radmacher	August 30
Sybille Nelson	August 31
Mike Parker	August 31

A SWEET SURPRISE



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

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