

St. Philip Invitation



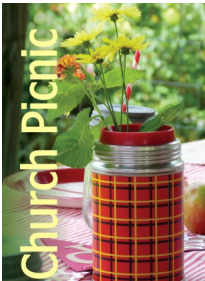
LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE SEPTEMBER 2021

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Church Picnic

A wonderful tradition at St. Philip is our annual church picnic! This year, the picnic will be on September 12 from 4-6pm! Fried chicken, sides, individual bags of chips and canned/ bottled drinks will be served buffet style with servers wearing gloves. Members are asked **NOT** to bring sides to share. Due to COVID concerns if you are more comfortable bringing your own meal, you are welcome to do so. Please bring a lawn chair and come out to spend time together as the St. Philip family.



Fall Worship Time

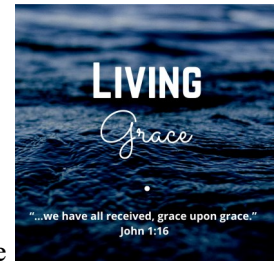
St. Philip has been worshipping with a traditional Summer schedule at 9:30. As we enter into the fall, worship time will continue with **one service at 9:30am**. You may worship in-person at the church; by way of conference call; or on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipLutheran>). We at St. Philip look forward to worshipping God together in many creative ways! the time designated in worship.

Living Grace

John 1: 16 "From (Christ's) fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace."

You are invited to remember we are faithful people who are always Living Grace. Starting this month and continuing throughout the year, the St. Philip congregation will be intentionally lifting up this theme of Living Grace. Of course God's grace, God's love, God's forgiveness, God's constant presence is an abundant gift, but we are called to "live into it" every day and all the time.

Jump into Living Grace as we worship together, grow in faith, and strengthen community with one another and our neighbors. Be on the lookout for music in our liturgy that piles grace upon grace. Participate in faith formation (see page 3) that piles grace upon grace. Pile grace upon grace upon each other and neighbors near and far connecting always to God's powerful promises made known in Jesus. Stop reading right now and name one way you experienced God's grace this week.



As you live into this theme of Living Grace, share your thoughts, ideas, practices, and experiences with your St. Philip leadership to celebrate the fullness of Christ's gift of grace to us.

October Blood Drive

Debbie Kanode

St. Philip's next blood drive will be held Monday, October 4 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.

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.

Blessing of the Animals

Each October the Church commemorates the life of St. Francis of Assisi. He left a life of privilege for a life of simplicity and poverty. His compassion and care was extended to ALL God's creation, including animals. Many stories about St.

Francis say that he had a great love for animals.

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St. Philip hosts a blessing of the animals service near his feast day. In 2021, this special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 3 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 3 for this opportunity. If you know a fellow animal lover who might be interested in this service, invite them to come with you!

Church Council News – August 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the church library and via Zoom.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month ending June 30, 2021 of \$16,864.08 and year-to-date receipts of \$129,961.41 which is \$25,918.59 under budget. Expenses exceeded income by \$6,985.61 for June. Year-to-date expenses exceeded income by \$20,863.77 for June. Receipts for the month ending July 31, 2021 were \$16,163.26 and year-to-date receipts of \$146,124.67 which is \$35,735.33. Expenses exceeded income by \$7,575.88 for July. Year-to-date

expenses exceeded income by \$28,439.66 for July.

Since new recommendations have been received from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) encouraging both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons to wear masks indoors, Council unanimously voted to reinstate the wearing of masks indoors at St Philip beginning Sunday, August 15. The Pastors will use their discretion as to wearing a mask during leading worship on Sundays.

Council approved staggering of term limits for the Endowment Team. Rod Dillman will serve a three year term; Dave Whetzel will serve a four year term; and Juli Albertin-Johnson will serve a five year term.

St Mark's food ministry is transitioning to a client-choice model for the food pantry. This will allow the clients to select the food they need or want due to dietary restrictions and reduce waste rather than have prepackaged bags given to them. This model requires St Mark's to make physical changes to the space which houses the food ministry, purchase a new freezer and cooler, and increase their inventory of food. Council approved the donation of \$1,000 from the 2021 Endowment Distribution to be sent to St Mark's to assist with the needed changes.

The next council meeting will be September 14 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

St. Philip Endowment Grants for Ministry

We are blessed. The St. Philip Endowment Fund is an incredible resource for ministry. During the past decade disbursements from this fund have made possible so much ranging from benevolent contributions to partners locally, nationally, and

globally, to seed money for new ministries like our digital worship, to capital improvements, and much more.

Starting this year in October and continuing through December, the St. Philip Endowment Team will begin to receive Endowment Grant Applications to consider for disbursements in the year 2022. The

Endowment Team is asking that everyone, both ministries originating among the St. Philip community and ministries from our neighbors, to complete an application. The application itself will be available on the St. Philip website and upon request from the church office starting in October. We are blessed.

St. Philip Church Calendar and Building Usage

Now that folks are feeling more comfortable being out in public and activities are happening again, the building is becoming busier and busier. This means rooms and the fellowship hall may not be immediately available for your event or activity. All events and room reservations can be found on the church calendar. This calendar can be found at the church website at www.stphiliplutheran.net/calendar.

To request a room reservation, please call Laura Weatherford Burns in the church office. She can add your event or activity to the calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts with other groups.

To help keep you informed, the church calendar is kept on Google so it can also be added to your own Google calendar to keep it right at your fingertips. To add the church's calendar to your own:

- On your computer, open Google Calendar.
- On the left, next to "Other

calendars," click Add from URL.

- Enter the calendar's address in the field provided. The St. Philip calendar address is <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/officeadmin%40stphiliplutheran.net/public/basic.ics>
- Click Add calendar. The calendar will appear on the left side under "Other calendars."
- It might take up to 12 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.

Fall Faith Formation

Monday Morning Bible Study

Start your week in God's word! Gather in the library or on Zoom on Mondays at 9:30 to study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. Bible Study will resume on September 13. The Zoom meeting I.D. is 838 9536 5636 and the password is 24019.

Fireside Faith

Come gather around a fire behind the church to discuss faith and life! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage



in meaningful conversations and relationships, all while relaxing by the fire. Fireside Faith will be on Wednesdays at 7pm starting September 15.

Discovering Grace in the Old Testament

Pastor Laura will lead a bible study uncovering stories of grace in the old testament. The study will follow worship at 10:30am on Sundays in the month of October. You may participate in the church library or on Zoom (meeting I.D. 826 3561 8431, password 24019).

Socks + October = Socktober!

In October 2011, Brad Montague (of YouTuber Kid President fame) realized while researching the needs of the homeless community that socks are the items least donated to homeless shelters. So Brad took action. In the month of October began to film himself wishing people "Happy Socktober!" as he gave out pairs of socks on the streets, and he posted these videos on social media. Word got around about his videos,

and people wanted to know how they could help and has dramatically grown since. Thus Socktober was born!



Happy Socktober! For the month of October there will be a collection box in the St. Philip narthex for new socks for both men and women. Are you up for a challenge?! **The goal is to collect 500 pairs of socks by October 31** to be donated to local homeless shelters in the Roanoke Valley.

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
Sara Aubitz - Member

September Birthdays

Cookie Consiglio 1
Margaret Mitchell 2
Dan Radmacher 2
Nancy Shadix 3
Mark Nelson 8
Diane Farmer 9
Justin Craig 10
Larry Payne 11
Kalya Motley 14
Kathleen Radtke 14
Linda Rhodes 14
Selise Miller 15
Drew Derrick 18
Dave Whetzel 19
Don Stith 20
Paul Consiglio 21
Charles Streithof 21
Mary Wingate 23
Kevin Reiter 25
Heidi Speakman 25
Ellen Mehalic 26
Ella Johnston 27
Ridge Radtke 28
Mary Jo Sahn 28
Dedi Spradlin 30

St. Philip Lutheran 20th Annual Golf Tournament

St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part of St. Philip's 20th annual golf tournament on Saturday, September 25 at 1pm at Blue Hills Golf Club. Register by Sept. 12 - \$260 per team/ \$65 per golfer.

This tournament serves as the primary fundraiser for youth ministries. Please consider putting together a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play. Please consider sponsoring a hole, asking your employer to sponsor a hole, or donating a prize to go to tournament participants. Registration forms are in the narthex or can be found here: <https://forms.gle/gPvnKLYtg2nrQLmx6>

Let's Café

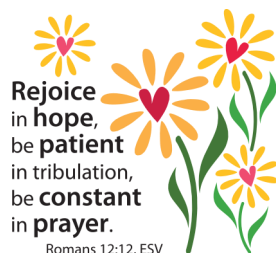
We are resuming the beloved tradition of gathering for conversation and refreshments after worship in the month of September! Every Sunday in September, Cafe will be held out under the portico. This will allow folks attending in-doors worship to safely enjoy Cafe outside and be mindful of COVID precautions. If you would like to help with Cafe, please contact Paul and Patti Henkel or the church office.

Young Families Cookout

Let's get together and hang out! All families with children 5th grade and younger are invited to come to a cookout at noon on October 17. It will be a wonderful time to reconnect with one another and discuss faith formation opportunities for the year. The gathering will stay outdoors in light of COVID precautions. Please RSVP to the pastors if you're interested.

Trunk or Treat!

Reformation Sunday and Halloween will be celebrated this year with some fun and fellowship! Saint Philip will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31 from 2-4 pm. This will be an outdoor event. Volunteers are needed to decorate their cars, maybe even don a costume, and distribute candy from their trunks for the children. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer your trunk, please contact Linda Duncan Rhodes or Pastor Laura.



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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

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Abby and Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes, Council Secretary;
Members: Doug Layman, Bruce Johnson, Kathleen Radtke, Gary Sahm, Donna Spradlin,
Donna Wright, Jacob Schult

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod



