

# St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE OCTOBER 2021

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## Trunk or Treat

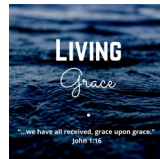
Reformation Sunday and Halloween will be celebrated this year with some fun and fellowship! Saint Philip will host a Trunk or Treat on



Sunday, October 31 from 2-4 pm. This will be an outdoor event. Decorate your car and don a costume to distribute candy from their trunks for community children. There will be hot dogs and chips available. Kids can also participate in an old fashioned cake walk. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer your trunk, please contact Linda Duncan Rhodes or Pastor Laura.

## Blessing of the Animals

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St. Philip will host 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!



## Living Grace

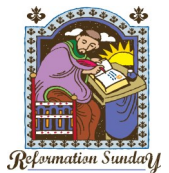
John 1: 16 *"From (Christ's) fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace."*

God's promise of grace in Jesus changes us. At St. Philip, we embrace that change and for the next year plan to be signs of that Living Grace in the world. There will be more opportunities to unpack this grand gift and life in the weeks ahead, but already you hopefully have noticed grace filled language in our worship together. We now sing every Sunday the words, "Founded on faith, the church - alive by grace - proclaims the gospel here and ev'ry place" Let's keep singing it AND let's keep living it. Though "grace upon grace" touches every aspect of our lives and faith community, the St. Philip council plans to particularly explore how grace might find new outlets in our worship and in our outreach to those around us.

For now as we live into this theme at St. Philip and beyond, pay attention in your own lives to grace moments. Remember those moments, rest in those moments, and reflect upon those moments. You will have opportunities to share them! St. Philip is a congregation who knows from Christ's fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace - so still and always we Live Like That: Loving, Feeding, Serving - Living Grace.

## Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 31 as Lutherans we will observe Reformation Sunday by remembering the events that led to the Protestant Reformation and formation of the Lutheran Church.



On October 31, 1517, German monk and professor of theology, Martin Luther posted on the door of Wittenberg Church 95 Theses which protested the practice of selling indulgences. An indulgence was a certificate that one could buy from the church to secure forgiveness and indulgences were transferable! Luther was angered by what he saw as an abusive practice, feeling that the church was taking advantage of the poor and distorting the message of God's grace and forgiveness. Central to Luther's agreement was that if the Pope had the power to free people from purgatory why would he not do so out of love rather than for money. Little did Luther know that his 95 Theses would send waves across Europe and begin a Reformation that changed the face of Western Christianity to this day.

Martin Luther by no means was perfect, but on Reformation Sunday Lutherans uplift Luther's theology that emphasizes children of God are saved by God's grace alone not by any work that we do or by any indulgence that can be bought. We also remember that we are a church in continual need of reformation in order to be on the lookout for practices that take us away from our mission of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Plan to participate in worship on Sunday, October 31 either in person or via Facebook Livestream at St. Philip. This year particularly (connecting to our theme of Living Grace) we at St. Philip celebrate reformation; still remembering and re-forming as a people who experience living grace upon grace.

## Blood Drive

St. Philip will host the semi-annual Blood Drive on Monday, October 4, 11am - 7pm! Please mark your calendars and plan to give if you can. There is a critical need for blood.

Please note that because of COVID-19, all donors are strongly encouraged to make appointments. To schedule an appointment, you may go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for blood drives in 24019 zip code, contact the church office, or contact Debbie Kanode at [dwkanode@comcast.net](mailto:dwkanode@comcast.net).

This is an excellent opportunity to serve the community!

“It feels good to save a life.”



## Church Council News – September 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00pm in the church library and via Zoom.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month ending August 31, 2021 of \$16,464.29 and year-to-date receipts of \$162,588.96 which is \$45,251.04

under budget. Expenses exceeded our income by \$7,347.49 for August. Year-to-date expenses exceed income by \$35,787.08 for August. Cash on hand continues to decrease which will make it necessary to use money from savings by the end of the year.

An analysis of our giving was done from January 2019 to date and showed people contributing to the general fund is down 20%.

Council approved an expenditure of \$5,000.00 from the capital investment fund for the removal of three dead trees on the property.

Pastor David will be on vacation September 27 - October 5.

The next council meeting is October 19, 2021 at 7:00pm in the church library and via Zoom.

## 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 now 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. Find the application here ([insert link](#)), on the St. Philip website, or upon request from the church office. We are blessed.

## 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 and 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 willing to help support this effort? The goal is to collect 500 pairs of socks by October 31 to be donated to local homeless shelters in the Roanoke Valley.

## Feast at Philips

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 27! It's our annual Feast at Philips community meal. Volunteers will be needed the day of as well as many food preparers to cook hams and

turkeys. As last year, COVID precautions will be taken. To-go meals for residents and first responders in the Roanoke Valley will be prepared. Please be in contact with Pastor Laura, if you would like to get involved in this awesome ministry!



## Fall Faith Formation



relationships, all while relaxing by the fire. Fireside Faith will be on Wednesdays at 7:15pm.

### 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. The Zoom meeting I.D. is 838 9536 5636 and the password is 24019.

### Fireside Faith

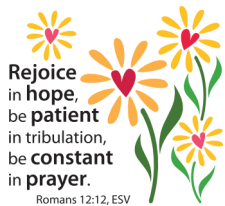
Come gather around a fire behind the church to discuss faith and life! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations and

### 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).

## 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 Sunday, 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.



## 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

## October Birthdays

Ian Lowdon	October 1
Sara Aubitz	October 6
Haley Leftwich	October 6
Emely Casadevall	October 7
Matthew Smith	October 10
Max Holland	October 11
Loretta Roush	October 13
Nick Muir	October 15
Chuck Jecminek	October 21
Dave Mellon	October 23
Gay Streithof	October 25
Donna Abbott	October 28
Derrick Radtke	October 29
Ruth Heinzelmann	October 30
Lynn Lawson	October 31

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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Pastor ([pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net))**  
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**Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries ([music@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto: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



