

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JANUARY 2022

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Winter Weather Policy

It's that time of year again. When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made using the telephone messaging service, as well as text messaging. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important to us.

A Special Thank 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.

Pastor David
Pastor Laura
Judy Burnette
Laura Weatherford Burns

Digital Evangelism

We all know evangelism, sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus, is important, but sometimes we're a little unsure of how to go about it. Do we invite our neighbor to bible study? Encourage our co-worker to visit your church? Tell the cashier at the grocery store that God's grace is for them, too? All good ways! But in 2022, there's even more ways to share the Good News of God's love and grace.

One of those exciting ways is through social media. We all know social media can be a divisive place, but the reality is that many of us spend some amount of time on it. It's a great platform for us to share about God's love and the ministry happening in and through St. Philip. The church streams Sunday service every week on Facebook. Encouraging messages and devotional videos are posted throughout the week.



Here's where your part comes in! Check out the St. Philip Facebook page. Make sure you've "liked" the page. When you see a St. Philip post or video come across your feed, take a second to watch it and then like it, comment on it, or even share it on your own page or the page of a friend. Sharing that grace-filled message with someone else is a powerful act of evangelism.

So if you're on Facebook, check out the St. Philip page! Be sure to keep paying attention to it and spreading the Good News through liking and sharing. We all have the amazing opportunity to be Digital Evangelists - spreading the love and grace of God everywhere!

Journey to the Stable

Pastor David

Many of the decorations and maybe even some of the Christmas memories are put away or fading to the background. But the Christmas story keeps unfolding as a part of ours. One of the gifts of my Christmas experience was using the Journey to the Stable devotion and reflection to guide my hearing of Emmanuel, God with us, once again.



My favorite part was the opportunity to move around on a journey from one place to another to ponder like Mary not only the story of Jesus coming into the world but how the world gives context to the good news that Jesus promises. Though I will remember all of the journey, I must confess that my favorite Bethlehem Bonus was the sweet treat from Ikenberry Orchards.

Lastly, an invitation: Even if decorations are packed away, you can still have the story of Christmas intersect with your story. The Journey to the Stable works in January too!

Council News—December 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Living Grace theme continues to shape conversations and ministry together even as we Live, Like, That: loving, feeding, serving. Grace sharing is happening in worship, on digital platforms, and in stories we tell. Serving grows through relationships with Melrose Towers, local schools, blessing bags for those without shelter, and more. Council celebrates all those

things and seeks ways to share that story with both congregation and neighbors for the sake of Jesus' good news for us all.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month ending November 30, 2021 of \$21,505.32 and year-to-date receipts of \$223,812.48 which is \$61,967.52 under budget. Expenses for the month ending November 30, 2021 were \$22,452.45 and exceeded the monthly income by \$947.13 and year to date expenses by \$45,157.46. St. Philip's cash balance month ending November 30, 2021 was \$17,836.00. Any

additional funds needed to cover expenses will be drawn from the Staff Addition Fund in January 2022.

Council continues to feel comfortable with the COVID protocol presently in place and feels this protocol should stay in effect until the end of 2021. Council will revisit the protocol in January to determine if any changes can be made.

Since no pay increases were given this year, council discussed and voted to give the staff an extra week of vacation.

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation - Starting Sunday, January 16, Pastor David will be leading a class called Reformation Remix! This class will explore the Lutheran Confessions with TED talks from Dr. Vincent Evener of United Lutheran Seminary. Learn more about our faith history and discern how we

might live that faith today. The classes will be held in the library at 10:30am.

Children's Faith Formation - Children up to 5th grade are invited to join Pastor Laura for "Faith and Fun" at 10:30am. In this class, kids will hear bible stories, do crafts, and have fun while learning about God's amazing love!

Monday Morning Bible Study - Start your week in the Word! The Monday Morning Bible study group will meet both via Zoom and in the church library. Come join to discuss the upcoming lectionary texts and discuss how God is at work in those stories and our world today! (meeting I.D. 838 9536 5636, password 24019).

Midwinter Power in the Spirit (Digital): January 31, 2022 – February 2, 2022

Live sessions will be available online from Monday, January 31, to Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Virtual doors open at 5:30pm each night.

Lectures and workshops begin at 5:45pm from a variety of leaders. There will be a closing worship at 7:00pm.

The Rev. Kevin Strickland, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, is the keynote speaker! Bishop

Strickland brings a wealth of knowledge regarding worship practices and how worship forms us for mission.



Plan to register January 3, 2022 at <https://www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit>

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
Don Stith - Member
Nancy Shadix - Member
Sara Aubitz - Member

January Birthdays

Sonja Jecminek Jan 1
Fay Whitt Jan 1
Jerry Falk Jan 2
Rob Wright Jan 6
Richard Finger Jan 8
Elizabeth Reiter Jan 8
Robbie Fielder Jan 10
Alison Jennings Jan 16
Glenn Kanode Jan 16
Zippie Smith Jan 16
Rose Falk Jan 21
Rod Dillman Jan 22
Madora Dooley Jan 25
Paisley Leftwich Jan 27
Laura Weatherford Burns Jan 28

The St. Philip Choir Family

The New Year is here! It's the time for new beginnings or possibly even revisiting activities of the past. Becoming a part of the choir is a great way to move forward this year as we all rebuild because of the time lost due to Covid.

We all need a place to "belong." What better way than to join the choir. Come together as a family each week to work on songs of praise to God. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm in the sanctuary.

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Church Council

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod



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