

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE FEBRUARY 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.

Anniversary Sunday Sunday, February 20th

On February 23, 1958, a charter was signed beginning the life of St. Philip Lutheran Church. On Sunday, February 20, we will celebrate in worship the 64th congregational anniversary. The community of St. Philip has a great history of service, growing faith, and creative ministry and we celebrate all of those things even as we look with hope to a Spirit-led future. Check out worship on the 20th at 9:30am to mark an anniversary together.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 13, 2022



As you prepare to purchase snacks for the Super Bowl, you are invited to provide food and funds for our hungry neighbors. Americans spend about \$1 billion on Super Bowl snacks. In contrast, the youth of St. Philip challenge the congregation to donate just **\$1000 and 800 grocery items** to Feeding America Food Bank and the St. Mark's food pantry, respectively. You may mail checks to the church or give on our website, just select "Souper Bowl Sunday" when giving. We are accepting food donations at the church the week of February 5 in the bin on the front steps of the church or bring donations to worship on Sunday, February 13. Together we can help end hunger right here in Roanoke!

Staying "in the know" with St. Philip Online

With a new digital evangelism effort, there are many great things happening on the St. Philip Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipLutheran>)



From Sunday worship, to grace videos, mission updates, and more! Because there are so many things posted on Facebook, it's easy to miss some posts - even ones you'd like to see! The good news is there's a simple solution.

Go to the St. Philip Facebook page, and under the blue "Contact Us" box there is a small gray box with three dots. Click on that and then click "Follow Settings." From there, you can go to notifications and click on each type, posts, videos, live videos, and tell Facebook to notify you. This will give you notifications when St. Philip posts and you won't have to worry about missing posts you'd like to see! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura.

Coffee Cup Scripture Sermon Series

We've got an awesome sermon series brewing for the month of February! Each week, our sermon scripture will be centered on some of the Bible's most quoted verses. We've all seen them on coffee cups, t-shirts, picture frames, cards and more - so let's uncover their deeper story and hear how they speak God's grace anew.

Feb 6: Jeremiah 29:11
Feb 20: Philippians 4:13

Feb 13: Joshua 24:15
Feb 27: 1 Corinthians 13



As part of this series, we'd like to create a display of items with scripture verses on them! On the table under the cross in the narthex, you're invited to place items with scripture verses that are meaningful to you. It could be scriptures from the sermon series, or others that are meaningful to you! Throughout the month, we can't wait to see what unique and treasured items will be shared. At the end of the month, be sure to take your items back home with you!

Council News—January 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

At the monthly council meeting, Council discussed the ongoing ministry of the congregation. One highlight of the discussion was the growth of digital ministry presence. We are moving from seeing social media as just a bulletin board of information and truly a place to share the love and grace of God directly to people. We have seen great growth in the number of people we are reaching through this vital ministry.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month ending December 31, 2021 of \$21,251.90 and year-to-date receipts of \$245,064.38 which is \$66,695.62 under budget. Expenses for the month ending December 31, 2021 were \$22,845.87 and exceeded

monthly income by \$1,593.97 and year to date expenses by \$46,751.43. Cash balance month ending December 31, 2021 was \$2,024.29.

Youth, Global Mission, and Elijah's Backpack ministries have checking accounts separate from the St Philip checking account. As of December 31, 2021, the checking account balances are as follows: Youth – \$27,000.00, Global Mission - \$11,000.00, Elijah's Backpack - \$9,000.00. Council is sharing this information with the congregation to show these groups are well funded and self funded.

Since the COVID Omicron numbers have spiked, the council recommended continuing current COVID protocols in place through January. Council will revisit the present protocol at the February Council meeting.

The Endowment Team met last week. They anticipate receiving \$19,400.00 from the endowment this year. Four

applications were received and funding for these applications was recommended and approved by council. After funding the four applications there will be \$7,900.00 left to be used at council's discretion. The distribution will be made as follows:

- Capital Improvements/Facilities & Property - \$2,500.00 (new sliding door at Parsonage)
- Maintenance - \$4,000.00 (lawnmower)
- Internal Congregation Ministry Seed Money - \$2,000.00 (digital ministry)
- Generosity Outside the Congregation (Benevolence) - \$3,000.00 (St Mark's food pantry transition)

The next council meeting will be February 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Join the choir for Lent and Easter Sunday



If you would like to sing in St. Philip's choir, but not make a long term commitment, this is the perfect time for you! The choir members and Judy, director of music

ministry, cordially invites you to join in for the season of Lent and Easter Sunday.

The Sundays of Lent begin on March 6 and end on Palm Sunday, April 6. Easter Sunday is April 17. The choir will start rehearsing the music for these Sundays

on Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We would love to have you!

"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." Johann Sebastian Bach.

The Lion's Share Grand Opening

The 40-year-old food pantry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church has gotten a huge make-over! Now called The Lion's Share, St. Philip has supported this ministry for decades by way of our own Grocery Bag Ministry.

In the past, the food pantry distributed pre-packaged boxes of food to food pantry clients once a month. Connie Watkins, coordinator of the food pantry, saw huge waste coming from this method, including food left in St. Mark's parking lot. She and the other volunteers at St. Mark's envisioned a client's choice food pantry where clients can "shop" for items they want

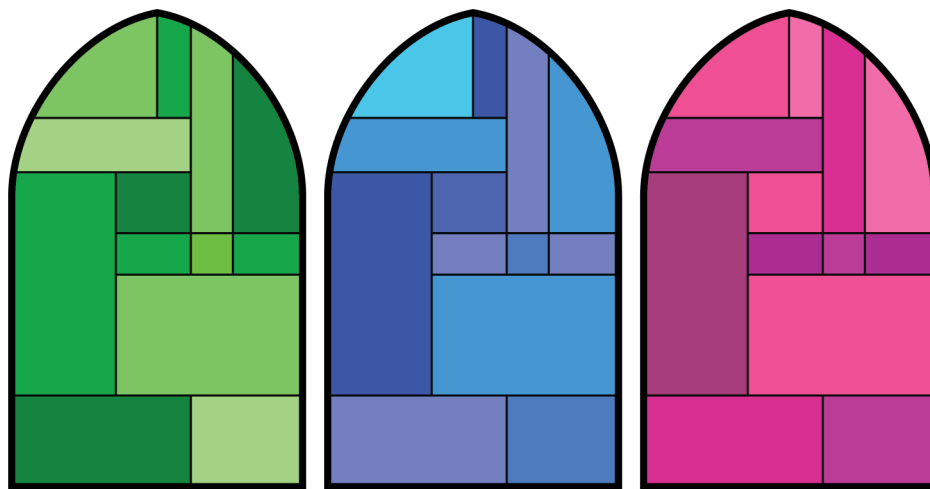
and need, the first of its kind in Roanoke.

The Lion's Share client choice pantry opened in November for a test run. "...what we've discovered...is that people really enjoy getting to pick what they want. ...it's really giving them the option, helps to reduce waste but also gives them the dignity to pick what they want," said Jacob Gordon, a co-coordinator of the Lion's Share.

St. Philippians can continue to support the Lion's Share by bringing food and toiletry donations to St. Philip and leaving them under the coat rack in the entryway or in the large brown bin by the front doors. Perishable items should be left in the freezer in the

kitchen. Financial donations can be left in the offering baskets, made out to St. Mark's Lutheran, or using the link: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1312573 and designating "Food Pantry" in the drop down menu. Current needs are can openers, feminine hygiene products, chapstick, deodorant, toilet paper, and hamburger helper type meals. A volunteer from St. Mark's picks up donations on the first Monday of each month.

There is also a free clothes closet at St. Mark's. Both are open 5-7 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays.



Welcome New Members!

Welcome New Members to St. Philip

Together we are on a mission to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve. We are called together by God's Holy Spirit to be about God's work in the world. And we are grateful for that same Spirit who has called some newer disciples to add to our collective response to God's grace. Please welcome, include, engage with, and introduce yourself to members who joined St. Philip on January 23 (an anyone else you may not recognize).

Marty Frazier lives in Hollins and is a recently retired Special Education Teacher of 34 years. He now drives a school bus for the county. He is from Mecklenburg County, VA. He received a BS from Averett University, teacher's certification from Radford University and a Masters in Special Education from Lynchburg University. He has a certificate from VWCC in American Sign Language. Marty's hobbies include refinishing furniture, history and performing volunteer work in the community.

Daniel Hickox-Young and Bethany Ketchem moved to Salem in the summer of 2021. Daniel is a physics professor at Roanoke College and Bethany is going to seminary at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. They have been together for close to 5 years since meeting at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and were recently married at St. Phillip by Pastor Laura in October 2021.

Cedric and Caroline Wilson have lived in Roanoke since meeting at Roanoke College as students and getting married after graduation. Cedric grew up in Baltimore, MD. He is a mental health therapist and started his private practice last year. He enjoys cooking, Marvel movies, and spontaneous gatherings. Caroline is from Durham, NC. She works at Disability Determination Services and is in seminary. She enjoys hiking, puzzles, and sleeping in. They have 2 kids - Chloe (9) and Claire (5) -and a dog, Atlas. Chloe loves foxes and anything pink. She dreams of moving to New Orleans and becoming a chef. Claire loves Barbies and plain spaghetti; she wants to be a ballerina and a doctor when she grows up.

Michael Brown moved to the Roanoke Valley in 1982 employed with Piedmont Airlines and after several mergers will retire from American Airlines in August 2022 with 45 years service. He is presently on leave of absence. He is still active in aviation at the Roanoke airport. Mike also enjoys working on mechanical things including antique outboard motors in his small shop. Wife Lisa and their new golden retriever puppy live close by in Summerdean. Their daughter is a professor at Virginia Tech in the biochemistry department.

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 Everer 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!

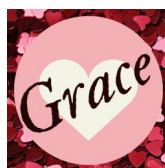
Monday Morning Bible Study - Start your week in the Word! The Monday Morning Bible study group will meet both via Zoom and in the church library. Come join to discuss the upcoming lectionary texts and discuss how God is at work in those stories and our world today! (meeting I.D. 838 9536 5636, password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

Hearts of Grace

What is grace? Well, Merriam Webster defines grace as "courteous goodwill." In the church, we understand God's grace to be God's love, compassion and care for us that God faithfully gives, despite our failings and imperfections.

How many ways can we experience God's grace? The possibilities are endless! As we live into this "Year of Grace" together, we are each invited into the spiritual practice of naming the way we saw or experienced God's grace in our lives. When you enter the gathering area at St. Philip, there is a table with many paper hearts on them. Every time you enter the building, you're invited to take heart, write a

grace moment on it, and place it in the basket. The hope is to eventually have a big display of these hearts in the sanctuary, displaying all of the many, many ways God's amazing grace comes to us.



Examples of what to write: The name of a friend who showed compassion to you, the word forgiveness to give thanks for God's faithfulness; a phrase from scripture that struck you that week; name a scene from nature that moved you. The possibilities are literally endless! But let us all keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to see God's grace among us!

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

Fritz Lovelace
Clara Johnston
Doug Layman
Kari Harvey
Al Simpson
Bradley Craig
Amy Lovelace
Luke Swanson
Sharon Whetzel
JoAnn Michael

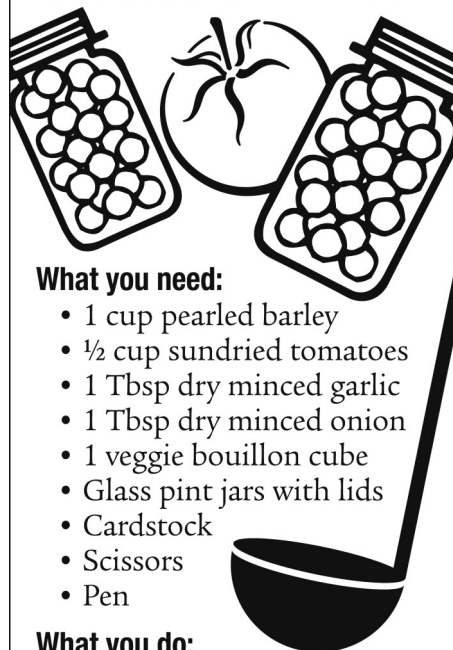
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3-February
4-February
February 10
February 11
February 12
February 12
February 12
February 27
February 28

FEBRUARY



Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

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