

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE APRIL 2022



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## Spring Flowers for Easter Season

On Easter Sunday, April 17, spring flowers will adorn and decorate the worship space. These potted flowers will be available for you to take home for a love offering (make a donation on the St. Philip website using youth activities option or leave in offering plates designated to the youth group). All donations will go to the Youth Group for youth ministry throughout the year. The purchase of these flowers was made possible by an Action Team from Thrivent, so all money raised will go to helping St. Philip youth grow in faith.



## Blood Drive



The next blood drive at St. Philip is Monday, May 9, 11:30 am thru 6:30 pm. Please share news of the blood drive with family, friends, and co-workers. There is a critical need for blood in the Roanoke Valley. Each unit donated will save three precious lives. You may sign up online to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search for blood drives in 24019 zip code. If you are willing to help the day of blood drive please see Debbie Kanode, CP Staley or Linda Rhodes.

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## HOLY WEEK

Worship



## Holy Week Schedule

While the whole season of Lent is a contemplative time in which we ponder the great gift of salvation we experience through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, Holy Week is an especially poignant part of the season. Mark your calendars now to set aside time to worship and give thanks for the great love God proclaims through the cross and the resurrection.

### Palm Sunday

April 10 - 9:30am, in person, Facebook Live, and conference call

### Maundy Thursday

April 14 - 7pm, in person and Facebook Live

### Good Friday

April 15 - 7pm, in person and Facebook Live

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 16 - 10am at the church playground

### Easter Sunday

April 17 - Sunrise Service at 7am, in person  
9:30am worship in person, Facebook Live, and by conference call.

## Live Like That – Extend an Easter Invitation

Even as we live through a reflective and confessional time during the season of lent, remember St. Philip will celebrate boldly God's promise made real through the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is alive and that indeed is good news.

One important way is by extending an invitation. Easter is Sunday, April 17. For many who are not connected to a worshipping community, it is often at Easter time that God's Spirit is moving in a way that at least raises some questions of curiosity. For many the last impediment to seeing what this "Christian stuff" is all about can be overcome with a simple invitation!

This Easter, extend an invitation to a friend, a co-worker, an extended family member, an acquaintance, or even a stranger to connect with St. Philip on Easter Sunday. You can make that happen with an invitation to join you in the sanctuary or by sharing opportunities to worship digitally. Make the invitation then get out of the way and let God's Holy Spirit take over. The love God demonstrates in the death and resurrection of Jesus – it's a love that's most definitely worth sharing.



## Council News—March 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Pastor Laura updated the council on ongoing ministry. Adult faith formation has centered on the book of Acts and children are continuing to explore biblical stories and creativity. St. Philip is continuing to be creative about ministry through unique worship experiences and program offerings.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending February 28, 2022 of \$19,454.61 and year-to-date receipts of \$53,060.83 which left a surplus of \$2,355.83. Expenses for month ending February 28, 2022 were \$24,290.77 and the year to date expenses were \$50,182.83 leaving a year to date surplus of \$2,878.00. Cash balance month ending February 28, 2022 was \$15,432.84.

After a discussion about the new information from CDC regarding COVID, a motion was made and

approved by council to make masking optional for indoor worship and activities at St Philip. Any changes to the way we are doing communion and offering will be at the pastors' discretion.

Pastor David thanked Rob Wright for replacing the wooden window sills in the sanctuary.

The next council meeting will be April 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the church library and via Zoom.

## St. Philip Church Calendar and Building Usage

Laura Weatherford Burns

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 <https://calendar.google.com/>

[calendar/u/0/r](https://calendar.google.com/) or on the church website at [www.stphilplutheran.net/calendar](http://www.stphilplutheran.net/calendar).

To request a room reservation, please call or email Laura Weatherford Burns in the church office (540-366-7046 or [officeadmin@stphilplutheran.net](mailto:officeadmin@stphilplutheran.net)). She can add your event or activity to the calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts with other groups. This includes using a classroom for short term storage, as it prevents the classroom from being used by others. If you need short term storage, there are cabinets available in the fellowship

hall for that purpose.

The church office also asks that you label your items with your name or ministry's name so if there is a question about something or if the item is being held for a specific purpose, it's not mistakenly considered public property. This includes items left in classrooms, in the refrigerator, and freezer. If you have any questions or need assistance in finding space for your ministry, please speak to Laura Weatherford Burns in the church office.

## Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 24 at 10:30am, immediately following worship both in the sanctuary and on of Zoom. (meeting

i.d. 860 4019 9836, password 24019).

The congregation will be electing church council members. Please check your mail or email box for notice and more information including brief biographies of candidates running for

church council.

It is so important for all of us to be a part of God's mission through St. Philip. Make plans to attend this meeting on April 25.

## Thank You from Ministry Partners

To our friends at St. Philip Lutheran Youth Group:

Words can't express how grateful we are for your generous donation to our food bank mission this month. I hope you will all feel a tremendous sense of pride and peace knowing that your gift will help ensure that we can continue to feed over 100,000 of our neighbors in SWVA every month, even in the face of rising food and fuel costs. We

are deeply grateful to you and your congregation for your support and kindness and invite you to visit us anytime you would like to learn more about our work. Warmest regards, Joseph Kessler Feeding SWVA

Dear Pastors Derrick & Swanson, and the Saints of St. Philip:

I want to give a huge thank you to all of you for your very generous gift of

\$3000 to support the Lion's Share Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. This ministry (as you know) meets a significant need in our community and it wouldn't be the success it is today without the shared work that we do. Thank you for your years of partnership! I pray that we will continue to be partners in ministry for years to come.

In Christ,  
Pastor James Armentrout  
St. Mark's Lutheran

## Faith Formation

### Adult and Youth Faith Formation - Acts on the Road

After Easter, starting Sunday May 1 youth and adults are invited to join a caravan after worship for some fun and faith formation. Similar to the Stations of the Cross in the Roanoke Valley, we plan to live a bit into some of the stories of the Book of Acts. The fun will be doing it at different sites throughout our valley, and doing it together. We will plan to leave the church parking lot shortly after worship. Even if you didn't read Acts in Lent, come join this great time of learning together.

**Children's Faith Formation** - In the month of April, St. Philip kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will continue will Faith and Fun at 10:45am in Classroom 1 (the nursery.) Hear a bible story, complete activity pages, and have lots of fun while learning about God's love.

We will also celebrate St. Philip's annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10am on Saturday, April 16, the day before Easter Sunday.

**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).

### The Music of Lent and Easter

*Judy Burnette*

In the Christian church, Lent is a time of reflection in preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. With the observance of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum begins. The Easter Triduum includes Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

During Lent and up to Easter, the music used is generally quieter, somewhat somber and contemplative to give the listener an opportunity to think and reflect. The worship service itself becomes simpler to emphasize the penitential nature of the season. "Sing with the choirs of angels" and the word "Alleluia" are not used. Various parts of the worship service are changed during Lent. More periods of silence are included.

With the arrival of the most important event in the liturgical year, Easter Sunday is the first day of celebrating Jesus' resurrection. Music becomes very joyous with songs of praise about Christ's resurrection. The parts of the worship service that were not used during Lent are now included.



### 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  
Cookie Consiglio - Member



### April Birthdays

Marlene Craig	April 02
Bill Diekow	April 07
Jim Burke	April 08
Price Wingate	April 09
Betty Holland	April 14
Barbara Simpson	April 17
Maggie McDaniel	April 18
Beckett Merrill	April 18
Mila Merrill	April 18
Griffin Horacek	April 19
Garth McNeill	April 19
Donna Wright	April 19
Finley Monroe	April 21
Al Jennings	April 22
Justin Motley	April 23
Carol Goad	April 27

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Change Service Requested

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**Jody Draper, Custodian**

**Church Council**

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;  
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

