

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JUNE 2022



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Blood Drive Thank You!

THANK YOU to the village of volunteers and donors who helped to make our May blood drive such a success! We had a total of 53 units donated, which could help save up to 159 lives! Mark your calendars for Monday, July 25, 10am to 4pm for the next blood drive! If you donated blood at the May drive, you are still eligible to donate again in July!

Summertime and the Living is Easy

Judy Burnette

Add to your summer enjoyment by singing in the St. Philip choir! During this time of the year, the choir sings each month. Rehearsals are held in the choir room at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening prior to each of these Sundays. Keep an eye out for rehearsal dates in the announcements or contact Judy Burnette (music@stphiliplutheran.net) Come and share wonderful fellowship and the joy of singing.

Building on a Culture of Generosity

Thank you! Thank you so much for your continued support of the ministry we share at St. Philip. We are called to live the faith in every way including practicing generosity. And thank you for your responses on Intent Sunday, May 22.

We are still gathering results and will have a final report in next month's newsletter. As we strive to reach our goal of 70 intent returns, the stewardship team celebrates the generosity that happens so that God's mission through St. Philip keeps growing. We want to Live Like That (like Christ) to love, feed, and serve.



Pastoral Responsibilities

Dear wonderful St. Philipians,

As partners in ministry, we, Pastor David and Pastor Laura, share the pastoral responsibilities of the congregation. Each of us serve as pastoral liaison for various congregational events and ministries. Below is a chart to explain which pastor serves as liaison for which ministry. While the pastors share many aspects of ministry, it is helpful to direct questions and ideas about these areas to the "point person" as indicated by the list. Please note that Pastoral Care is listed for both pastors as that is a ministry they share completely. We hope that you will familiarize yourself with these new designations as we live into ministry together.

God's peace,
Pastor Laura and Pastor David

Pastor David:

- Pastoral Care
- Congregational Care Ministries (i.e. card ministry)
- Global Mission Ministry
- Stewardship
- Youth Ministry
- Music (i.e. Choir and Praise Band)
- Administration (i.e. property coordination, offering counters)

Pastor Laura:

- Pastoral Care
- Worship (i.e. Sunday service, home communion ministry, worship assistants, Blessing of the Animals, altar guild)
- Social Justice Ministries (i.e. Elijah's Backpack, Feast at Philips, Grocery bag ministry, Blood drives)
- Fellowship
- Faith Formation (i.e. Stations of the Cross in the Valley, children's and adult's faith formation)

Council News—May 2022

Karen Lowdon

Council met on Tuesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom.

Council welcomed new members Paul Economy, Daniel Hickox-Young, and Patti Henkel and also Donna Wright for a second term. As Council began team building as a new group moments of experienced grace ranging from engaging conversations in the grocery store, to a myriad of the color green on display in creation, to daily morning meditation (to only name a few) were explored.

The following officers were elected: President Shannon Radmacher and Vice-President Paul Economy.

Officially appointed are Peter Shick as Treasurer, David Mellon as Financial Secretary and Karen Lowdon as Secretary.

Gary Sahm reported on Stewardship and Building a Culture of Generosity. Intent Sunday is May 22 with a goal of 70 intent cards turned in.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month ending April 20, 2022 of \$17,724 and YTD \$87,707 which is \$13,859 under YTD budget. Expenses for April were \$23,403 and YTD \$96,979. St. Philip's YTD expenses have exceeded budget by \$3,440 and exceeded income by \$10,262. \$25,000 from investments has been transferred to facilitate cash flow. Receipts are about \$1000/week less than before COVID. That means giving amount and the number of contributors have both decreased since the beginning of COVID in March 2020.

The Office Administrator job has been posted and a few applications have been received. A celebration to thank Laura Weatherford Burns will be held June 19 after worship.

Pastor Laura reported that "Acts on the Road" a study similar to Stations of the Cross, will be taking place each Sunday in May with travel to different parts of the valley after worship on Sunday morning.

Digital ministry continues via Facebook and videos about different areas of ministry are being posted.

Pastor Laura's husband Luke Swanson has been called as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Roanoke and will be ordained June 18.

Pastor David reported that Grace Upon Grace focus will continue through the summer. The importance of teamwork has been highlighted with the change of administrator.

The next council meeting will be June 14 at 7:00 pm in person and via Zoom.

Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is a powerful celebration in the church! Pentecost Sunday will be June 5th. It's a special Sunday where we remember how the Holy Spirit descended as tongues of fire, people could understand one another's languages, and the church was born! It will be a spirit-filled worship service and you're invited to wear red to represent the ever-moving work of the Holy Spirit!



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.



What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?

Roanoke Valley Youth Rally

Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to hang out with other middle school and high school youth for some fun and connecting this summer on Wednesday, June 15:

- 6:00 pm - Meet at Christ Lutheran Church for dinner and gathering activities
- 6:50 pm- Go to Thunder Valley for Putt Putt or Inside activities
- 8:30 - Return to Christ Lutheran Church for Send off and Pick up July activity (Date and time still to be determined)
- Tubing down the James River

Celebrating the Ministry of Our Office Administrator Laura Weatherford Burns (Latham)

Do not forget to mark your calendars to celebrate the work, ministry, and friendship as we wish our office administrator God's speed after over a decade of service. As we give thanks for Laura and her many years at St. Philip, we want to send her with our love and best wishes. We plan to celebrate her time with us on Sunday, June 19. Immediately following the 9:30am worship service, there will be a celebration for Laura with refreshments. Please make plans to attend! If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to send a card to the church office for Laura.

Luke Swanson' Ordination

Pastor Laura's husband, Luke Swanson, has been serving Trinity Lutheran on Williamson Road for the past two years as he completed his seminary studies. On April 24, the members of Trinity voted unanimously to call him to be their pastor! Luke will be ordained at St. Mark's Lutheran in Roanoke on June 18 at 11am. A reception will follow the service. We are delighted to celebrate God's call for Luke and the people of Trinity! All are joyfully invited to join the celebration in person and by holding soon-to-be Pastor Luke and the Trinity community in prayer.

Grace Upon Grace

As we move into summer months keep remembering: 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. Over the past several months the St. Philip congregation has been 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.

Send a note to someone you have missed at St. Philip, or to a neighbor across the street, or to the nurse you know who has worked so intensely of late, or to the relative who is lonely, or to well...really anyone and everyone! Living God's Grace happens in life - one note at a time. Be intentional about naming the way we saw or experienced God's grace in our lives. When you enter the gathering area at St. Philip, there's 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. If you need inspiration check out the hearts of grace displayed around the altar in the sanctuary.

Check out Grace Upon Grace video post each Wednesday on St. Philip's Facebook page www.facebook.com/StPhilipLutheran.



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
Sara Aubitz - Member
Cookie Consiglio - Member



June Birthdays

Bronce Monroe	June 3
Wendy Johnston	June 5
Madison Merrill	June 6
Emileigh Smith J	June 16
Sue Huntington	June 17
Sharon Price	June 20
Kelly Derrick	June 26
Don Hunt	June 27
Paul Roush	June 29

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Change Service Requested

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Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)
Jody Draper, Custodian

Church Council

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Paul Economy, Council Vice-President;
Peter Shick, Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
Members: Patti Henkel, Daniel Hickox-Young, Bruce Johnson,
Doug Layman, Donna Spradlin, Donna Wright

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

