

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JULY 2022



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St. Philip is hosting another Blood Drive on **Monday, July 25 from 12pm-4pm!** With the exception of Power Red donors, if you donated at the May blood drive, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Please go to www.redcross.org/give to search for the St. Philip drive and sign up! You may also contact Debbie Kanode or the church office. There is a critical need for blood and one donation can help save up to three lives! It feels good to save a life!

Do You Have a Secret Musical Gift?

Judy Burnette

God has given us all gifts. A gift is not just musical or artistic. It can be anything from the ability to organize, plan activities, cook, grow plants and so forth. The list is endless.

Whether your musical gift is singing or playing an instrument, would you be willing to share your talent with the congregation during a worship service? We would love to hear from you if this is something you would be willing to do. You may call the church office and leave a message or see Judy, our music director, on Sunday. God wants us to share our gifts.

Thank You for Your Intent Cards! Thank You for Your Generosity!

The Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all our St. Philipian brothers and sisters that helped to make our annual financial appeal a success this year. We are very encouraged and inspired by the faithful response of so many in our congregation. To date, we have received 53 intent cards. This reflects a significant increase (25%) over the yearly average of 40 written intents over the past five years at St. Philip!



Our giving records indicate that we currently average about 65 contributing households each month at St. Philip. To have 53 intent cards means that nearly 82% of our contributors answered our call to submit a written intent card this year! Our leadership team and the stewardship team inspired us immensely by setting an example... 100% of this group turned in an intent card! Of the 53 intent cards we received, 7 came from contributors who primarily worship with us online. How exciting to know that God's call to generosity is moving in our community beyond our church building in new ways.

Also, we noticed that we have at least 8 faithful, regular financial contributors that did not submit a written intent card. However, we give thanks that they faithfully answer God's call to generosity and support, and we trust we can depend on that support to remain strong going forward. By sharing this information, we hope to uplift and inspire our St. Philip community. When making sometimes difficult or challenging decisions about giving, it's good to know that you are not alone and that support for our ministries is broad and deep.

We also have people who are not able to contribute financially on a regular basis but demonstrate faithful generosity and support for our ministries through volunteering and their prayers. Each of these members are valued as a vital and beloved member of this body no matter what or how much they give! We opened with a thank you to our brothers and sisters. We would like to close with a Thank You to God and the Holy Spirit that continues to guide and strengthen us. All good things come from God, and "Grace upon Grace" flows in and through our community.

Council News---June 2022

Karen Lowdon

Council met on Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm in person and via Zoom. Treasurer's Report by Peter Shick shows receipts in May of \$24,400 which is \$203 more than expenses. YTD deficit is \$10,000. The Building on a Culture of Generosity report from the Stewardship Team indicated an increased receipt of written intent cards. See front page of newsletter for the team report.

Alice Lebow began as Office Administrator on June 6. We are delighted by her warm demeanor and big heart so please welcome her and introduce yourself.

Council voted to partner with Taylor Tutoring Services for a pilot summer program of Academics+. The currently unused preschool rooms will be used Monday and Wednesday from the weeks of June 26 to August 1 to allow two inner-city youth groups ages 5-12 years to meet. The teachers will use the opportunity to work with the students on various projects and conduct workshops. The goal is to assist students who perform below grade level and assist them in academic and confidence skills. This is a pilot program being funded with \$7000 from our Community Outreach Fund. There is no commitment or plan beyond the pilot and the goal is to get the program started and see how it works.

St Philip Seminarian Scholarship Support. Matthew Leonard has graduated and is awaiting a call. Council approved giving \$1000 each to Bethany Ketcham and Caroline Wilson who are two more members enrolled in seminary.

The Planning, Pruning and Planting program of the VA Synod continues to support leaders to think critically about ministry of the congregation. A church council retreat will be scheduled in the fall to continue this work.

Pastor Laura reported on the additional blood drive to be held July 25 and the Day of Service at Melrose Towers on August 14. Our digital ministry continues to reach and minister to people. Pastor Laura's husband Luke Swanson will be ordained June 18 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Roanoke and will be serving Trinity Lutheran in Roanoke. She will be on vacation June 24-July 2. Pastor David reported on New Member Sunday which is expected to be September 25. He will preach at Christ Lutheran in Fredericksburg on July 24 (where he was ordained 25 years ago). He will be on vacation July 5-13 and August 1-20. There is no council meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 9 in person and via Zoom.

Supporting Our Seminarians

The St. Philip Church Council takes seriously the responsibility to support the larger church. We feel wonderfully blessed to have two seminarians at St. Philip and want to ensure that we are supporting them as they go through the enriching and challenging journey of seminary studies. (This is in addition to recent seminary graduate, Matthew Folkemer-Leonard!)

Having the gift of seminarians in the congregation is a rare opportunity to directly support people responding boldly to God's call to public ministry. We're delighted to support Caroline and Bethany on their journeys! Caroline has been enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary and Bethany at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Day of Service - Melrose Tower Picnic

Our picnic for the residents at Melrose Towers will be on August 14th following our worship service. We will pack the lunches at the church and transport them to Melrose Towers to be handed out. **Help will be needed on Saturday, August 13th at 9:30am for prepping and on Sunday, August 14 immediately after service to pack, transport and deliver.**

We will also be collecting items that cannot be purchased with EBT cards to make bags for the residents. **Items needed are toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes).** Most or many of these items can be purchased at DollarTree. Purchased items can be left in the Senior High Youth Room on the designated table.



Welcome Alice Lebow!

We are excited to share that our new Office Administrator, Alice Lebow, has begun her work with St. Philip this month! From our first meeting with her, we were struck by Alice's warm demeanor, her experience and skill set, and her caring heart - all wonderful attributes for this position. Please join us in welcoming Alice to St. Philip and extending grace to her and the whole staff as we move through this transition together. We are delighted that God has called Alice to share her gifts of administrative ministry at St. Philip and are confident that together we will continue to love, feed, and serve the community in new ways. Below are some words from Alice.

I am overwhelmed with joy for this opportunity to be the Office Administrator and to contribute to the ministry in my own small way. I grew up in Botetourt County, lived in Richmond, and now live in Hollins. Trips to Richmond to see my daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters Lily, 10 and Hazel, 4 give me smiles, laughs, and a very happy heart! I look forward to meeting all of you!

Engaging With Our Community: St. Philip Partners With Taylor Tutoring

After the closure of the St. Philip preschool, St. Philip has been in prayerful discernment about how we might continue to connect with and support children in the community. We are excited to share an answer to those prayers. St. Philip's Church Council voted to partner with Taylor's Tutoring for a pilot summer program of Academic Plus. This will involve two groups of Roanoke City students ages 5-12 gathering over a six week period. These students have been identified as needing extra support to succeed. It has been a joy to dream up this program with Renea Taylor, the owner of Taylor's Tutoring and we look forward to the great impact this program will have on these students.

The dates of the programs will be June 26 - August 3. It will primarily operate in the former preschool rooms. There may be more ways for our congregation to be involved in this ministry, but at present we just ask for your prayers that this pilot program will have a positive impact on these deserving students.



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



SAVE THE DATE!

**21st annual St. Philip Lutheran Youth
Group Captain's Choice
Golf Tournament**

**Blue Hills Golf Club
Saturday, September 24, 2022**

**Please mark your calendar for a day
of golf to support the ministry
and faith of St. Philip's Youth.**

July Birthdays

David Derrick	July 5
Debbie Kanode	July 5
Jennifer Schult	July 5
Larry Pauley	July 6
Tami Jennings	July 10
Scott Price	July 15
Jacob Schult	July 15
Eugene Yeakley	July 15
Cynda Johnson	July 16
Samuel Deel	July 18
Randy Grimm	July 18
Marjorie Nickum	July 19
Keith Schult	July 20
Emryn Harvey	July 22
Judy Brammer	July 24
Diane Muir	July 24
Skylar Woodward	July 24
Daniel Hickox-Young	July 29
Jullin Albertin-Johnson	July 30
Tyler Derrick	July 30
Hannah Staley	July 31

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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
Laura Swanson, Pastor (pastorlaura@stphiliplutheran.net)
Alice H. Lebow, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)
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

