

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JANUARY 2023



What's That About? Have you ever wondered during worship about . . .

## Apostolic Greeting

This initial greeting found at the beginning of worship has been a practice of the church since its inception. It mirrors the greeting found in St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:

### 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

It is called the "apostolic greeting" because it comes from the apostles - the very first followers of Jesus.

We're excited to announce Family Ministry Gatherings are happening in 2023! The first gathering will be in January. These small group gatherings are intended to be fun fellowship evenings for parents of children to connect with one another. Childcare and dinner will be provided.

Stay tuned for more information!

Our holiday pop-up blood drive was a great success! Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who shared their time and resources with the community. Each donation can help save up to three lives!



*thank you!*

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claim 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

## Stuffing Stockings for Elijah's Backpacks

Thank you for your wonderful generosity! We are so grateful to have raised thousands of dollars to support Elijah's Backpack in 2023 through the stuffing stockings to fill backpacks appeal. Because of your generosity, many children in the valley will not have to wonder where their food will come from on the weekends. Thank you for loving, feeding, and serving!



## Council News -- December 2022

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Rod Dillman, Property Chair, presented options for the bank renewal landscaping project and capital improvements and repairs. The landscaping was reviewed and will move forward with funds approved and not spent from mowers this fall. A rock border and spruce and hollies will be installed beginning early next year. Mold in the entryway is being evaluated and more information will be provided. Carpet replacement and painting in the parsonage was approved with funds available in our short term investment account.

Follow-up from the Council Retreat in October was discussion about new initiatives connecting us with the values of Welcome and Care. Several suggestions were made and good discussion was held. Pastors and the executive team will make suggestions to appoint task groups to further pursue options for new ministry.

Pastor Laura reported on another upcoming Blood Drive on December 19. Digital ministry continues utilizing Mother Hen Media Ministries via the VA

Synod. Communion class is underway and Family Ministry Gatherings are being planned for 2023. Feast at Philips was well attended and all leftovers were used by the Samaritan Inn. It was a good partnership with The Community Solutions Center, Brandon Oaks Retirement Community, Trinity Lutheran Church, and others.

Pastor David spoke of the collaborative youth ministry with other churches and the lock-in this month. Endowment Disbursement Applications are due by December 31. He asked that we each reach out to others to check on them and also to extend invitations to others to come and worship or attend an online event.

The Spending Plan for 2023 was approved as presented at the congregation annual meeting on December 11, 2022.

Treasurer's Report by Peter Shick shows receipts in November of \$22,868 and Year To Date of \$250,079 which is \$28,798 below budget. Expenses for November were \$24,272 and YTD of \$273,354 or \$5523 below budget. YTD November deficit is \$23,275.

The next council meeting will be January 10, 2023.

### Collaborative Youth Ministry in the Roanoke Valley

Check out what's on the docket for youth throughout the Roanoke Valley:

#### January

Sunday, January 8:

National Fruitcake Tossing Day

**Location:** At St. Philip (8115 Williamson Rd. Roanoke) from 4-6pm, St. Philip will provide dinner (Likely a pizza party)

Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29: Winter Celebration (Senior High)

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#### February

Sunday, February 5:

Ice Skating

**Location:** At Lancerlot from 1:30pm - 3:30pm.

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#### March

Saturday, March 4 to Sunday, March 5: Seventh Day (5th & 6th Grades)

Sunday, March 5:

March Madness Game Day (Multiple Board Games)

#### April

Sunday, April 9: Easter

Sunday, April 16:

Hike or Cookout?

#### May

Sunday, May 7:

Earth Day at Wheatland Lutheran Church garden

**Location:** At Wheatland (1560 Wheatland Rd, Buchanan)

Sunday, May 28: Pentecost

And for those who are not youth, pray for this new collaborative ministry experience and for our continued connections to our siblings in Christ in other places.





## Digital Midwinter Power in the Spirit

Save January 30-February 1, 2023, on your calendar, for the annual Midwinter Power in the Spirit. Our keynote speaker this year will be Brenda Smith from 1517 Media Book of Faith. Registration and more information will be coming soon!

## New to St. Philip Luncheon

At St. Philip we are passionate about growing as disciples of Christ. We say our mission is to Live Like That (like Jesus) as we seek to Love, Feed, and Serve. On Sunday, January 22, St. Philip will be hosting a luncheon particularly inviting folks who are new to St. Philip to unpack that mission together, but also just to swap stories and enjoy one another's company.

If you have recently officially become a member at St. Philip or haven't joined but are wondering how to connect with ministry, mark your calendars for us to have some lunch together on January 22 at 11:45am.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to the whole village who made this year's Feast at Philips such a wonderful day of relationship building! Hundreds of to-go meals were prepared and delivered. Many people were welcomed and served a sit-down meal

at the Community Solutions Center. There was an abundance of joy, connection, and turkey! Thank you for all of the hard work from volunteers, generous donations, and prayers that supported this event - we're looking forward to next year!



## 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 our telephone messaging service and posted on Facebook. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important to us.

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## Happy New Year

*Judy Burnette*

Our choir invites you to join us as we welcome the New Year with singing. Choir rehearsals start back on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Hope to see you there.



Scott Buchanan – Member  
Kathryn Buchanan – Member

Betty Hammond –Member  
Bev Horvath—Member  
Emily Totten - Member &  
Scott Buchanan's sister

Barbara Simpson - Member

Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter  
Sara Aubitz - Member



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| Fay Whitt        | January 01 |
| Sonja Jecminek   | January 01 |
| Jerrold Falk     | January 02 |
| Robert Wright    | January 06 |
| Elizabeth Reiter | January 08 |
| Richard Finger   | January 08 |
| Robbie Fielder   | January 10 |
| Margaret Smith   | January 16 |
| Ronald Kanode    | January 16 |
| Rose Falk        | January 21 |
| Rodney Dillman   | January 22 |
| Madora Dooley    | January 25 |
| Laura Burns      | January 28 |

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

