

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 2023

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

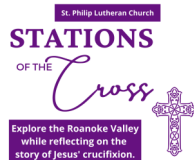
The Prayer of the Day

The Prayer of the Day marks a turn in the worship service as we turn to hear the Word proclaimed. This prayer gives thanks to God through Jesus Christ and is prayed in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Prayer of the Day gathers all our praise into one and highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.



Stations of the Cross in the Roanoke Valley

As we begin our journey through the season of Lent, we begin our journey to the cross. A long-held tradition of the church is the Stations of the Cross. This is an opportunity to pray and meditate on the different stages of Jesus' crucifixion. This year, we're excited to offer a creative way to do the Stations of the Cross in the Roanoke Valley. Each of the Stations are connected with a place in the Roanoke Valley, scripture, a reflection and prayer. We've even added a "Love in Action" bonus to each station so that you may take the devotional one step further, if you'd like! Please check out this creative devotional and consider making it a part of your Lenten journey! To access the Stations of the Cross in the Valley, please pick up a paper copy at the church or go to www.tinyurl.com/SOTCRVA.



MUSIC NOTES *Judy Burnette*

Why is Alleluia Not Used During Lent?

The word "alleluia" is based on the Hebrew word, hallelu yah, which means "Praise the Lord." Because of the penitential nature of the season, the use of the joyous word, Alleluia, is not appropriate to use during Lent. Thus, it has been taken out of the worship service until the jubilant celebrations of Easter.



AMAZING GRACE

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

PAUSE EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING TO WORSHIP AND PONDER GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

WORSHIP AT 7PM

MARCH 1-TRINITY

MARCH 8-ST. PHILIP

MARCH 22-ST. MARK'S

MARCH 29-ST. TIMOTHY



Faith Formation

We're excited to grow in faith as a community in 2023!

Adult Faith Formation will center around Nooma devotional videos and discussion. Kids will continue to explore Bible stories and have fun together!

Both of these faith formation opportunities happen weekly immediately after worship, with the exception of the first Sundays of the month. On the first Sunday of each month, all are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship at Cafe.

Youth Ministry Activities

We continue to build relationships, have fun, and talk the faith as we connect with Lutheran youth throughout the Roanoke Valley. Upcoming events include:

March 5 4-6pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church Game Time

April 16 4-6pm at College Lutheran Church Quiz Bowl

May 7 4-6pm at Wheatland Lutheran Planting the Garden

New 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:

Jerry Gray

Jerry was born in 1951 in Roanoke, VA. A graduate of William Fleming High School. Jerry was first a Journey Man electrician before later becoming a Master Electrician while spending 35 years in engineering and maintenance at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He has two grown children Adam and Laura and six grandchildren.

Mike and Kendra Meighan

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Mike and Kendra Meighan settled in Daleville during August of 2021. Mike retired as a locomotive engineer for CSX in 2020 after 40 years of service in Augusta, GA and most recently, Richmond, VA. Kendra is also retired, following a career in elementary and middle school education. While Mike prefers to be outside with a fishing pole in his hand, Kendra enjoys spending time sewing and scrapbooking as well as tutoring students in math. Both enjoy making memories with their four children and five grandchildren and are looking forward to the completion of a new "background oasis" just in time for warmer weather!



Reece Derrick	March 1
Linda Hudson	March 1
Elizabeth Leonard	March 5
Claire Wilson	March 6
Gary Waldron	March 10
Polly Kanode	March 12
Dorothy Finger	March 15
Lynn Irwin	March 17
Yan Mehalic	March 18
Laura Swanson	March 18
Miles Parker	March 19
Jacob Clark	March 20
Layla Parker	March 24
Kristian Schult	March 25
Will Saeger	March 26
Ryan Reiter	March 27
Sarah Parker	March 29

Child Care Attendant Needed

St. Philip is looking for a child care attendant to serve on Sunday mornings, and possibly other occasions on an as needed basis. We are seeking someone on Sundays from 9:15 - 11:45am. Candidates will need to be up to date with vaccinations and will be open to a criminal background check. This position is open for filling immediately. St. Philipians are encouraged to help us network to identify great candidates. If you know of someone please have them contact Pastor David.



Scott 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
Margaret Mitchell—Member
Sonja Jecminek—Member

Nominating Committee for Church Council

Each April the community at St. Philip elects leaders to serve as a part of the church council. Church council serves the congregation as the primary decision making body for our community. A nominating committee has been formed to help identify some potential people to serve in this incredibly important role. Serving on the nominating committee are: Shannon Radmacher, Donna Spradlin, Doug Layman, and Pastor David. If you would like to be nominated or would like the committee to consider a gifted member of this community speak with any of these individuals.

Witnessing Paws Ministry

We had our first Pet Therapy Team Evaluation event at our church on Saturday, 1/29/23. We evaluated a total of 6 teams. Four teams passed their evaluation: Pat Quillen with Cody, Janna Rains with Shamrock, Betty Wilson with Fozzie, and Nina Templeton with Summer. Two teams received valuable feedback on which skills they still to improve in order to be able to pass a future evaluation. We are excited to grow our Pet Therapy team community! Because of your support patients in hospitals, clients in counseling sessions, children in school, and people in nursing homes are receiving visits to interact with such lovable furry companions. They are pawsitively making a difference in our community. Many thanks to all the folks who helped with our evaluations: Karen Black, Paul Henegar, Dedi Spradlin, Linda Rhodes, Al Simpson, Ruth Heinzelmann, Robin Burke, Nani Jarrell, Bob Hogan with his dog, Riley, and Mark Nelson with his dog, Indy.
THANK YOU for your support- Sybille Nelson



Little Library

Check out the newly placed little library box near the portico at the side entrance. Feel free to take a book or devotional home with you or let someone else know that might be interested in some great reading material.

Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You

Thank you for your generous support of Souper Bowl of Caring! Together, we were able to collect 904 food items to go to St. Mark's Food Pantry and \$1037 to go to Feeding America of Southwest Virginia. We anticipate more donations before the campaign is officially over as well! Thank you again for loving, feeding, and serving our neighbors.



St. Philip Landscaping and Clean Up Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1 from 8am - Noon for a day of clean up, pruning, mulching, and landscaping. Many hands make light work! Bring with you any tools for trimming things and moving mulch so that our grounds are attractive and cared for.

Pastor Laura on Parental Leave

With great joy the Swanson Family welcomed Anna Kate to the world on February 3. She has no idea that she not only has been born into the Swanson family, but the St. Philip Family as well. Thank you to everyone for prayers offered, congratulations conveyed, meals delivered, and the general excitement of greeting Anna Kate.

We want to accompany and be great partners as this new adventure unfolds for the Swansons. As a reminder for the St. Philip family, Pastor Laura will be away from work for parental leave until the first of May. She will not be checking email and will not respond to work-related calls or texts. You are welcome to send messages of well wishes, but please know they are appreciated but may not have a response. Keep checking announcements for updates and pictures!

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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

