

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE APRIL 2023



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 9th**. 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.

Pastor [Kelly Bayer Derrick](#) preaching
April 23

St. Philip welcomes back Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick as our guest preacher on Sunday, April 23rd. Pastor Kelly served as one of St. Philip's pastors from 2008 - 2018 before moving to her current call as the Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod where she serves the church all over the state of Virginia. Make plans to be present for worship April 23.

On Easter Sunday (April 9) 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). All donations will go to support scholarships for youth connecting to the Boys and Girls Club of Roanoke. The purchase of these flowers was made possible by an Action Team from Thrivent, so all money raised will go to make sure people who want to be a part of the Boys and Girls Club are able to do just that. The Boys and Girls club help bridge a gap of care and support for nearly 400 youth every week. The Boys and Girls Club have been serving the valley since 1997.



St. Philip Lutheran Church



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 2 - 9:30am, in person,
Streaming on Facebook**

**Maundy Thursday - April 6- 7pm, in person
and Streaming on Facebook**

**Good Friday - April 7 - 7pm, in person and
Streaming on Facebook**

**Easter Egg Hunt - April 8 - 10am at the church
playground**

**Easter Sunday - April 9 - Sunrise Service at
7am, in person at the outdoor chapel**

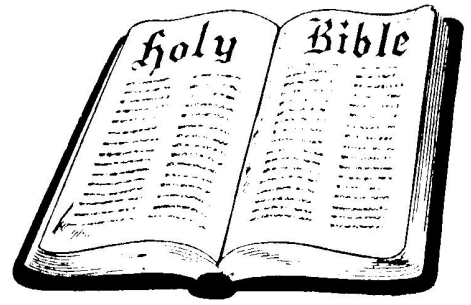
9:30am worship in person, Streaming on Facebook.

Easter Breakfast - April 9 - 10:45am

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

The Word - What scriptures will be read? Who chooses?

To give a full breadth of scripture readings are assigned each week following a 3 year cycle called the "lectionary". This lectionary was developed by biblical scholars to include readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament other than the Gospels, and one reading from one of the four Gospels. The intention of these assigned texts is to tie together the long story of God speaking to the faithful AND is assigned so that the church might not only hear from favorite scriptures but also from some of the ones that challenge us and make us wonder.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE BUILD - St. Philip has two assigned days to help with the Habitat House Build: Friday, May 19th and Saturday, July 22nd, from 8am-2pm. Once other churches sign up for days, we may be able to add more. The minimum age is 16 and no experience is needed. If you would like to help either with building or providing food, please contact Kathleen Radtke at radtkegal@gmail.com or 540-815-7586.

The Apostles Build is Habitat-Roanoke's special bi-annual project where local churches of all sizes and denominations come together to fund and build a home for a local family. This is not a free home. The homeowner does purchase this home from Habitat, but the Habitat program ensures that the purchase is affordable. The homeowner family provides "sweat equity" by working on their own home as well as the homes of other families. They also participate in mandatory classes to prepare them for homeownership. The Habitat process usually takes 14-18 months for most families.

The 2023 Apostles Build home will be built at the corner of Jamison and 11th Street SE, Roanoke 24013, the former site of Belmont Christian Church (now across the street). The homeowners will be Aubrey Wood and her 12 year old son, Ryden.

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 com-

Words of Gratitude

I would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement during the time of my recent surgery. They were all truly appreciated. Judy Burnette

April Birthdays

Marlene Craig	April 02
William 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 19
Garth McNeill	April 19
Ron Overstreet	April 19
Donna Wright	April 19
Finley Monroe	April 21
Al Jennings	April 22
Carol Goad	April 27

Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member
Betty Hammond –Member
Bev Horvath—Member
Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter
Sara Aubitz - Member
Margaret Mitchell—Member
Sonja Jecminek—Member

THANK YOU! DEAR ST. PHILIP CHURCH -

Thank you for all your prayers, the food, and the beautiful baby blanket for the birth of our baby girl, Lera. We so appreciate all the kindness and feel blessed to have a wonderful church support system. Brent and Kathryn Wood

Council News -- March 2023

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday March 14 in person and via conference call.

The Welcome and Care task forces are continuing work to discern focus areas for the congregation.

Clean up property day will be Saturday April 1 and is being organized by Paul Henkel.

Home Communion Visitors is being reignited and assisted by Liz Leonard.

The nominating team for church council will be meeting soon and members are asked to submit names to Shannon Radmacher, Doug Layman or Donna Spradlin.

A Solar Energy task force has been organized and will be meeting soon to explore possibilities.

The congregational meeting has been set for April 30 for elections and stewardship emphasis.

Treasurer's Report

February receipts were \$20,252, YTD \$47,031 or \$5610 below budget

February expenses were \$24,691, YTD \$52,374, or \$267 below budget

Rhw deficit for February is \$4,440, YTD is \$5,343

The cash balance is \$11,965.

Parsonage carpet replacement and painting was paid from an investment fund.

The bank landscaping was paid from unused 2021 endowment funds.

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 23 at 10:30am immediately following worship both in the sanctuary and by way of Zoom video conference (Meeting i.d. 86040199836, Password 24019 [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040199836?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040199836?pwd=ZVpoN2NyeFFWTDR2WmNWeWR2SVJjdz09)

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It is so important for all of us to be a part of God's mission through St. Philip. Make plans to be here on April 23! [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040199836?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040199836?pwd=ZVpoN2NyeFFWTDR2WmNWeWR2SVJjdz09)

Building a Culture of Gratitude



Our annual stewardship appeal for this year will begin right after Easter, and culminate four weeks later with Consecration Sunday set for May 7. Please plan to attend worship service on that day to consecrate our intentions for giving. (consecrate...to make or declare sacred; dedicate or set aside to the service of God)

Our theme for the appeal this year is "Building on a Culture of Gratitude". More information will follow as we progress through the appeal. Your Stewardship Team believes that a spirit of gratitude is key to helping us grow as disciples of Jesus. So, in the meantime, you may want to consider how gratitude factors into your personal outlook, your attitudes, and your giving.

Love, Feed, and Serve As We Welcome and Care

After a St. Philip Council retreat in September, our leadership team here has been actively discerning ways we might respond to God's call to ministry in a new and exciting time for the whole church and for us at St. Philip. With lots of good conversation, visioning, dreaming, and praying the St. Philip Council honed in on pursuing ministry ideas connecting us to our shared values of being a congregation of Welcome and Care.

Everything changes very quickly these days, but for the coming 12 months our leadership team hopes to initiate ministry of CARE by cultivating a partnership with Minnick Schools. Minnick Schools are an entity of our Lutheran Social Services arm of the church in Virginia (Encircle). The Minnick School serves students who for a variety of reasons do not learn and grow very well in the public school system. Many of Minnick's students experience life somewhere on the spectrum of autism. There are a number of possibilities to be explored including:

Helping provide some extracurricular activities; students have no routine provision for art or music; Helping with some of the basic needs of students ranging from food to hygiene products; Other possibilities as we are intentional about cultivating relationships

We at St. Philip very much want to Live Like That as we Love, Feed, and Serve. If you would like to explore ways in which you might connect with this ministry contact Donna Wright (540-915-9691) or Pastor David (pastordavid@stphilplutheran.net).

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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

