

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JUNE 2023



The Growing Community at St. Philip

As a community of faith active in ministry, we expect to worship with zeal, serve the world with gladness, proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, and grow in faith. We also expect our community to grow. Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip we excitedly look forward to **Sunday, June 4th**, as we officially receive new members to this congregation during worship. You are a part of a growing community. Share your faith with someone you know. Tell someone about the ministry that you are passionate about. Invite someone to worship. Share St. Philip social media posts as to how we Live Like That: Love, Feed, and Serve. God's Spirit is moving through you.



Welcome
Our New
Members

If you are interested in joining St. Philip that day, please speak with one of the pastors. We are excited about the new members God is calling to St. Philip and the future ministry ahead!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE BUILD

- Thank you to the St. Philip crew who volunteered to help with the build on May 19th. Our next volunteer date is Saturday, July 22nd, from 8am-2pm. 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. 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.



Thank You for Your Intent Cards!

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 grateful for and inspired by the faithful response of so many in our congregation.

To date, we have received 55 written intent cards. This is only a few more than we received last year, but we suspect we may get a few more over the next couple weeks. God's grace abounds! Even though we currently have just a few more cards than last year, the financial total exceeds last year's total by nearly \$10,000, or about 5%! We rejoice in this improvement and take it to indicate a robust level of gratitude and generosity in our congregation. By sharing this information, we hope to uplift and inspire all our fellow members. 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 members 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 grateful "Thank You" to God and his Holy Spirit that continues to guide and strengthen us. All good things come from God, and "a culture of gratitude" flows in and through our community.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For those who give electronically; if you made a change to your giving amount this year, please note that you will need to make that change to your draft amount with your bank or with Vanco. And, if you haven't already, please do so by June 1. Thanks!

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

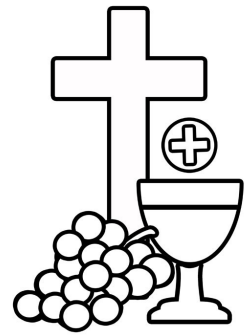
The Meal: The Lord's Supper - Holy Communion

Acts 2:42

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Explanation:

From the very beginnings of Christianity, when followers of Jesus met in one another's houses to worship, the people gathered for a meal together. Our meal includes an offering of our gifts to God – just as the people of Israel and the very first Christians gathered offerings to God to give thanks to God and to care for those in need in their communities. Our communion meal involves now – just as it involved in those first house gatherings – the sharing a bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We gather to celebrate Christ's presence with us – in, with and under the bread and wine of communion. We are fed by Christ's presence and strengthened to be sent out from this place to live our lives in love for God and in love for one another. In the Lutheran tradition communion is typically served whenever God's people gather together for worship.



Love to sing? Want to use your gift to serve others in a meaningful way? Please consider joining the Carilion Clinic Hospice Choir. The choir sings for hospice patients at the request of their families, using our voices to provide comfort to the spirit and psyche of those who are dying. The choir sings for patients in small, a cappella groups of 4-5 sharing music specially composed for this purpose as well as traditional favorites.

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Sue Huntington at 540-224-4795 at sghuntington@carilionclinic.org for more information.



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



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

Council News -- May 2023

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday May 9 in person and via Zoom.

Council welcomed newly elected members Ellen Mehalic, Sue Huntington and Dedi Spradlin. Bruce Johnson was re-elected for a second term. Elected as officers for May 2023-April 2024 were Paul Economy as Council President, Ellen Mehalic as Council Vice President, Peter Shick as Treasurer and Karen Lowdon as Council Secretary.

Daniel Hickox-Young will be moving to Minnesota and council appointed Kendra Meighan to fill the last year of his term. We thank Daniel for his service and for being on council.

The Welcome Task Force is continuing to determine ways to welcome and engage others in the digital community. Shannon Radmacher is leading the group which has also addressed some technical issues and improved processes.

The Care Task Force worked to send over \$400 from our Easter noisy offering to the Boys and Girls Club. A Minnick School Partnership focuses on providing art to students in this ELCA supported learning environment.

Mold remediation in the hallway entrance is in process.

A Solar Energy Task Force is reviewing possibilities of utilizing solar power.

A Summer Camp and Education Program is being evaluated which would use our classroom space during mid-June to early-August.

Child care on Sunday mornings began May 7 and will continue with volunteers during the summer and then two Hollins University students in late August.

Pastor Laura returned to work on May 1 and we welcome her back.

Pastor David reported he is grateful to have Pastor Laura return as a vital part of the ministry team. He is working with others to update job descriptions. Stewardship Emphasis culminated May 7 with Consecration Sunday when intent cards were returned.

Treasurer's Report

April receipts were \$21,498, YtTD \$89,237, \$16,044 under budget.

April expenses were \$25,033, YTD \$104,604, \$677 under budget.

The deficit for April is \$3,086, YTD \$15,367.

The cash balance is \$17,152.

We made a withdrawal of \$15,000 from the staff addition fund.

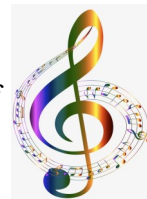


Synod Assembly

On June 9-11, the Virginia Synod will gather for synod assembly at Roanoke College. We're delighted to have Cedric and Caroline Wilson and Dedi Spradlin serving as voting delegates from St. Philip, Liz Leonard will be present serving in her role on synod council, and both pastors will also be attending. The synod assembly is an important time for rostered leaders and members from around the commonwealth to gather to celebrate the wonderful ministry of the synod and to vote on important matters. This synod assembly will include the election of a new bishop, synod vice president, and secretary. We invite your prayers for the whole assembly that the Holy Spirit will move mightily among the work of the assembly.

Music this Summer

During the summer months, our choir will be taking some time off, however, they will still be singing a couple of Sundays each month. Our band will also take a break, but we will hear from them during the summer. If you have a gift of music you would like to share with the congregation, please get in touch with Judy Burnette, our Music Director. We would love to hear from you.



Blood Drive Update



**GIVE
Blood**

For our May 8th blood drive we collected 49 units of blood, saving 147 lives. Thank you to each of our donors and also all the volunteers that help to make this drive a success as our goal was 45. Also, please mark your calendar for our next blood drive. **Monday, July 24th** from 12 pm - 6 pm. If you gave whole blood on May 8th you will be able to donate at our next drive. You can sign up now to get the time slot you would like. Please go to redcrossblood.org, look for zip code 24019, or contact Debbie Kanode 540-589-6865 to get signed up.

MINISTRY WITH THE MINNICK SCHOOL

We give thanks for a wonderful partnership with the Minnick School. The Minnick School serves students with special needs, Kindergarten-10th grade. St. Philip has had great opportunities to share crafts and activities with the students. We are grateful for all those who have supported these students, created these activities, and we look forward to seeing how this relationship continues to grow in the Fall!



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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)
Jody Draper, Custodian

Church Council

Paul Economy, Council President; Ellen Mehalic, Council Vice-President;
Peter Shick, Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
Members: Patti Henkel, Kendra Meighan, Bruce Johnson,
Dedi Spradlin, Sue Huntington, Donna Wright

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

