

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE AUGUST 2023



## St. Philip Lutheran 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm  
at Blue Hills Golf Club

Register by Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$300 per  
team/\$75 per golfer



St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part of St. Philip's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament. The tournament serves as the primary fundraiser for our youth ministries. New this year is the inclusion of Lutheran Youth from around the Roanoke Valley as we collaboratively do lots of youth ministry together.

Please, please consider putting together a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play. Please, please consider sponsoring a hole, asking your employer to sponsor a hole, or donating a prize to go to tournament participants. Email Pastor David ([pastordavid@stphililutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphililutheran.net)) for a registration forms or sponsorship information.

## Fall 2023 Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth Schedule

September 17 - Water Battle - St. Philip Lutheran - 4-6pm

October 7 - Youth Golf Tournament - Blue Hills Golf Course

October 15 - Lion's Share Service Project - St. Mark's - 4-6pm

November 12 - Quiz Bowl - College Lutheran - 4-6pm

November 17-19 - Lost and Found (7th-8th grade)

December 15 - Lock-In - Christ Lutheran - 7pm-9am



## DAY OF SERVICE

Our Day of Service will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd beginning at 9:30 am at Melrose Towers. There are several ways you can be involved!

**Making breakfast casseroles!** Casseroles will be needed for the breakfast. You may bring them warm on Tuesday morning, or leave them in the church refrigerator earlier and label them with warming instructions.

**Donating cleaning supplies and toiletries!** Each resident that attends will receive a bag with cleaning supplies and toiletries. These are items the residents cannot purchase with food stamps. The most requested items are toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, deodorant, bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please help us with donations to fill bags for the residents. **You can stay to help fill bags after the church service on Sunday, August 20th.**

**Breakfast set-up and serving! We need volunteers on Tuesday, August 22nd around 8:30 am** to help us get the food set-up and serve. Please meet at Melrose Towers.

If you have questions please speak to Pastor Laura, Linda Duncan Rhodes or Donna Wright.



## St. Philip Participates in Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build

On July 22 folks from St. Philip added our efforts to the ongoing construction of the Apostles Build Habitat house. Our combined work with many others is bringing to be Aubrey's dream to have her own home.

Check out the progress of the 2023 Apostles Build! The siding has gone on, insulation has been placed and it is ready for wall board and plaster. The exterior has gone quickly and we are now moving on to the slower, more meticulous inside work. All in all, Aubrey's house is going great.

On an interesting note, Aubrey was able to meet the Governor of Virginia in Richmond in early July. A friend of Aubrey's works with The Lampstand. This mission received an award from Governor Youngkin, and Aubrey was able to join her friend for the presentation. The Lampstand is a ministry of Straight Street, a non-profit in Roanoke, and it provides a residential safe-home and comprehensive care for female victims of sexual trafficking. They also provide education so everyone can prevent, identify and report human trafficking.

Straight Street is a ministry that was founded by and is still directed by Keith Farmer, son of Ruth and brother of Kevin Farmer of St. Philip!!



### 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



Bruce Johnson	August 2
Ruth Farmer	August 5
Doug Hiller	August 5
Patrick Reiter	August 8
Jessica Staley	August 8
Karen Barnett	August 12
Carol Dillman	August 17
Philip Bolster	August 23
Donna Spradlin	August 23
Susan Ellis	August 25
Brian Johnston	August 25
Keith Schult Jr.	August 27
Cindy Fielder	August 28
Mona Ferguson	August 29
Bill Hughes	August 30
Nathan Radmacher	August 30
Chloe Wilson	August 30
Sybille Nelson	August 31
Mike Parker	August 31



## MALAWI UPDATE

St. Philip has a long history of connecting to and partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi, Africa. We are currently rekindling that partnership. Contact Pastor David ([pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)) if you have interest in being a part of our global mission team at St. Philip. Please see below our latest communication form Mphato Thole who is the communications director for the church in Malawi.

For the past few years, there have been many challenges. COVID 19 plus other challenges including cyclone Freddy and cholera had a negative impact towards the country and the church in particular. We lost most of our chapels especially in the cyclone affected districts. Most people were left homeless and as I am writing the country is experiencing hunger as the plants were washed away. Cholera claimed many lives in Malawi as COVID 19 did.

It is our request that you continue keeping us in your prayers and any support that would be generously collected will help us to sustain. \_Mphato Thole



## Calling all Servants!

Thank you to all of you for the many ways you serve God's church through the ministry of St. Philip. Truly the congregation's calling is to Love, Feed, Serve. There are a number of ways you might make an impact on Sunday mornings. If you have been thinking about ways to connect to the ministry at St. Philip, please consider serving as an usher, clicker, sound system operator, reader, or attendance taker. Training will be provided. Please speak to Mary Jo Sahn or one of the pastors for more information or to sign up for one of these important ways you can serve. This is absolutely a great way to live like that on Sunday morning.



## ELIJAH'S BACKPACK

As school supplies are purchased and Fall approaches, Elijah's Backpack is gearing up again to serve students in Roanoke County who need food assistance. Every Thursday morning, packs of food are assembled at St. Philip and taken to schools for the students to take home in their backpacks. Your support and prayers for this ministry are invited as they love, feed, and serve these students.



We are collecting different items every month to support the Roanoke Rescue Mission and their efforts to serve people who are homeless in the Roanoke valley. The items for August are diapers, wipes, women's underwear and bras. You can bring those donations and place them in the box in the gathering space. If you have questions please contact Cathy Dudley (540-397-3982) or Gary Dudley (540-397-3984).



## BLOOD DRIVE THANK-YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and prayed for the July blood drive! Summer is a time of critical need for blood donations. We're glad to be able to support the health of the community this way! Mark your calendars for the next drive on **October 2nd**, from 12 pm—6 pm..

## PICNIC—SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Date! Our annual church picnic will be on **September 10!** It will be a great day of fun and



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Change Service Requested

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**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

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

