

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE OCTOBER 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. 30<sup>th</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 Gary Sahn [gsahm65@gmail.com](mailto:gsahm65@gmail.com) for a registration form or sponsorship information.

### What's that in worship?

What's the garment worn by the pastors or other worship leaders? An alb! Why? The purpose of wearing a garment like an alb in worship is to show that the leader is representing Christ and not themselves in worship. While some albs are white, that's not the only color they can be! Black albs can also be used to send the same message - that the worship leader is set apart to lead the assembly and doing holy work to share the love of God in Christ in worship!



### BUILDING COMMUNITY

"For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." These scripture verses from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome speak to how God calls us to live in community together.



This year at St. Philip, we're embracing the theme of "Building Community" as we strive to know one another and God more fully. What a gift it is to build community, to be the body of Christ, together! You'll see this theme in a variety of ways in the coming year from worship, to bible study, to fellowship. We're looking forward to all the God has in store for us!

As a part of our theme and intention of Building Community, our Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings will dive into conversations about how we are always Walking Together. This bible centered study is designed to encourage the St. Philip to reflect on wholeness, health, and well being as a community. Plan to gather weekly following Sunday morning worship to consider things like: "What does it mean to clothe yourself in love?" "What does it mean to be still and listen to God?" "How do we put into practice showing hospitality to strangers?"

On Sundays we will say these words: In this family, the body of Christ is rich in Divine creativity, a community of peoples, each a glimpse of God from a different angle.

God claims us with delight.  
We are building community together.



## Council News—September 2023

*Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary*

Council met on Tuesday September 12 in person and via Zoom. The Solar Energy Task Force is continuing to review quotes and a report will be sent to Council in the near future.

The Summer Program has concluded and a recap meeting will be scheduled soon.

Jessica Monroe is now unable to serve as Treasurer and Peter Shick has agreed to continue on an interim basis until the position can be filled.

Pastor David will be on sabbatical from September 13 through October 24.

Supply pastors and congregational members will be helping with coverage and responsibilities.

A Spending Plan for 2024 is being developed and will be presented to the congregation for approval.

Pastor Laura is coordinating Faith Formation for youth and adults.

Young Families Monthly gatherings will begin Sept 24 at Christ Lutheran and continue among various churches.

Seminarian Caroline Wilson will start her field education and begin focusing on parish education.

The Community Mental Health Partnership is continuing to find funding for this important service.

Trunk of Treat is coming October 29 from 2-4 pm.

Pastor Laura will be on vacation October 9-15.

Blessing of the Animals will be October 22.

Hollins students Jay Garcia and Elizabeth Barker are offering nursing care on Sunday mornings.

We are reviewing our custodian liaison and working to prioritize services.

### Treasurer's Report

AUGUST RECEIPTS WERE \$24,237, YTD \$172,032, \$38,529 UNDER BUDGET

AUGUST EXPENSES WERE \$27,868, YTD \$208,325, \$2236 UNDER BUDGET

THE DEFICIT FOR AUGUST IS \$3632, YTD \$26,293  
THE CASH BALANCE IS \$12,244



## Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member

Betty Hammond –Member

Bev Horvath—Member

Sara Aubitz - Member

Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister

Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter

Margaret Mitchell—Member



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------------|
| Ian Lowdon        | October 1  |
| Sheila Overstreet | October 1  |
| Thomas Latham     | October 8  |
| Matthew Smith     | October 10 |
| Max Holland       | October 11 |
| Loretta Roush     | October 13 |
| Nick Muir         | October 15 |
| Chuck Jecminek    | October 21 |
| Dave Mellon       | October 23 |
| Gay Streithof     | October 25 |
| Derrick Radtke    | October 29 |
| Ruth Heinzemann   | October 30 |
| Lynn Lawson       | October 31 |

### News from Karen Barnett-

I will be traveling to Nicaragua in November to join a Christ Thru Baseball Team, a ministry developed by my daughter, Lisa. The only way supplies are delivered safely is by volunteers taking them down. If you come across baseball mitts or cleats (Mens 7-9) please bring them to church.

Many thanks, Karen



**SOCKTOBER** Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. Socks are the most requested item and the least donated item to homeless shelters. During the month of October we will be collecting men, women, and children's socks to be given to The Rescue Mission, RAM House and Samaritan Inn. Our goal is to collect 600 pairs of socks. If you would like to participate in this event you may do so by purchasing items from an online retailer and having them shipped to St Philip Lutheran Church or make a donation to Pastor Laura or Linda Duncan Rhodes to purchase.



## COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

THANK YOU for your immense generosity in supporting expanded access to Mental Health resources in the Roanoke Valley. We raised over \$1,200.00 to go to this important ministry! What joy to celebrate the life-giving therapy sessions people will now have access to, regardless of cost. All funds raised were shared with Seeking Wellness Counseling Services to offset co-pays or the full cost for therapy sessions. The center's staff will use their clinical expertise to determine which clients will benefit from these resources. Thank you again for loving, feeding, and serving like Christ in this new avenue!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, November 19, at 11 am Thrivent and St. Philip will sponsor an informational meeting on Medicare and Social Security changes. Mr. Shannon Able will be leading the meeting and a light lunch will be served.

RSVP to the church office 540.366.7046 or signup sheet in the Narthex. Need more information, call Nancy Shadix at 540.366.3897.



Faith formation for children and youth is going to take a variety of exciting forms this semester!

This month, we'll have faith formation on October 22 and on October 29, we'll have our monthly young family gathering with Trunk or Treat at St. Philip from 2-3pm!

**October Blood Drive** - Monday, October 2, 12pm- 6pm. Sign ups are open online now. You are encouraged to go in and sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make sure you get your preferred appt time. Once you're on the red cross site, look for zip code 24019, or contact Debbie Kanode at 540-589-6865 if you have questions. Pass along information about the drive so we can have as many donors as possible, there is a critical need! "It feels good to save a life".



## Blessing of Animals

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St. Philip will host a blessing of the animals service near his feast day. In 2022, this special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 2pm near the playground. If you have a special animal – great or small – and you wish to be blessed, please bring that animal or a picture of that animal to St. Philip on October 22 for this opportunity. If you know a fellow animal lover who might be interested in this service, invite them to come with you! Donations for Angels of Assisi will be accepted at the service.



Christmas Choir Rehearsals  
Begins Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Come One! Come All!

## TRUNK OR TREAT!

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. We will have an obstacle course bouncy house, cake walk and cars handing out candy and treats.

Decorate your car, bring lots of candy and join us for a fun afternoon. See Pastor Laura, Linda Duncan Rhodes, Mary Wingate or Donna Wright if you would like to participate.



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Change Service Requested

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**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

