

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 2024



## Midweek Lenten Worship 2024

Every Lent, several Lutheran churches in the Roanoke Valley gather together for worship and fellowship on Wednesday evenings. We are looking forward to this great tradition again this year. Each week we will consider what it means to sit with our grief rather than try to push it aside. We will discover that many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. We will find a God who can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus' death on the cross—the place to which the season of Lent leads us—is the reason we never mourn as those without hope. Make plans to come to worship at 7pm and stay for light refreshments following worship as we enrich our faith in God and relationships with one another this Lenten season.

February 21 - 7pm - *What is Lament?*  
Glade Creek Lutheran Church  
Rev. James Davis

February 28 - 7pm - *"Little" Laments*  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. Laura Swanson

March 6 - 7pm - *Laments from the Depths*  
St. Philip Lutheran Church  
Rev. James Armentrout

March 13 - 7pm - *Individual Laments*  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Rev. John McCandlish

March 20 - 7pm - *Communal Laments*  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Rev. Luke Swanson



St. Philip Lutheran Church



## 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 - March 24 - 9:30am, in person, Streaming on Facebook**

**Maundy Thursday - March 28- 7pm, in person and Streaming on Facebook**

**Good Friday - March 29 - 7pm, in person and Streaming on Facebook**

**Easter Sunday - March 31 - Sunrise Service at 7am, in person at the outdoor chapel 9:30am worship in person, Streaming on Facebook.**

**Easter Breakfast - March 31 - 10:45am**

## Minnick School Ministry

We give thanks for the faithful volunteers who are doing wonderful, creative ministry with the students at the Minnick School. St. Philip members lead the students in fun art and creative activities for extra enrichment. The past few activities included making snowmen with their names on them and an activity highlighting the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you for sharing God's love and creativity in the community!



Council News -- February 2024  
Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday February 13 in person and via Zoom.

Pastor Laura and Pastor David talked about moving council meetings from mostly maintenance conversations to those that are more mission focused. Wanting to live out the mission of St Philip propels us to be more forward looking.

Dan and Shannon Radmacher were elected as the two voting members for the Synod Assembly.

Council approved the Endowment Investment Committee recommendations for funding of these 5 applications:

- \$1200 in support of Campership Program at Camp Caroline Furnace
- \$4000 to support Elijah's Backpack weekend food ministry
- \$1200 to pastor discretionary fund for community needs
- \$5000 for unforeseen capital expenditures
- \$1000 Seminary Scholarship Program – supporting our current seminary student

\$4600 undesignated for unforeseen needs or benevolence

As the Holly Jolly Breakfast was so successful, there will be a small group of people who will meet and brainstorm some options for quarterly gatherings.

Five Lutheran churches in the Roanoke Valley will worship together during Lent and rotate locations each Wednesday.

The Global Mission Malawi Partnership team has met for a second time and is waiting for a response from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi on how to accompany one another in the best ways.

There is a lot happening in our congregation. There are many illnesses, surgeries, funerals and folks in hospice. During Lent the pastors try to include extra visits to homebound members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Max Holland reported as of 1/31/24:  
Davenport investments have increased  
January receipts \$31,093  
January expenses \$25,510

There were no unusual expenses.

**Prayer Requests**

Scott Buchanan – Member  
Betty Hammond –Member  
Bev Horvath—Member  
Sara Aubitz - Member  
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter  
Margaret Mitchell—Member



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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 Erwin	March 17
Ryan Mehalic	March 18
Laura Swanson	March 18
Miles Parker	March 19
Layla Parker	March 24
Kristian Schult	March 25
Will Saeger	March 26
Sarah Parker	March 29



## Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You

Thank you for your generous support of Souper Bowl of Caring! Together, we were able to collect a whole pile of food to go to St. Mark's Lions Share Food Pantry as well as a love offering to go to Elijah's Backpack for our neighborhood weekend feeding program for students. Thank you again for loving, feeding, and serving our neighbors.



## 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:

**Mark Willis** lives in Boones Mill; recently moving from Seattle, WA. He retired from Morton Salt as a Director of Mfg., where he worked for 30 years. He is blessed with three adult children and seven grandchildren! Mark was raised in Kansas City and has lived in ten states before settling in Virginia. His retirement hobby is botanical watercolor painting and spoiling his grandchildren.

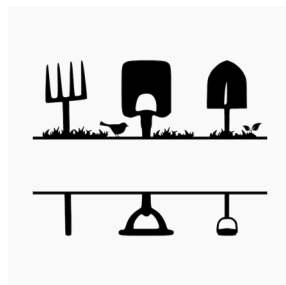
**Doug Peoples** has relocated from Tennessee to be with his sister Beverlee. Doug is retired from the transportation industry spending a lifetime on the road. He enjoys being settled in one place and is glad to be at St. Philip.

**Beverlee Peoples** is a longtime Roanoke Valley resident who is excited to rediscover a connection with the church and particularly at St. Philip.



## St. Philip Landscaping and Clean Up Day

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 23** from 9am - 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 building and grounds are attractive and cared for.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/SOTCRVA).

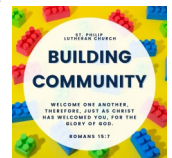
## Young Families Gathering

This month's family ministry event will be bowling at Lee-Hi Lanes at 3pm on Sunday, March 3! Please let Pastor Laura know if your family is planning to attend.

## Building Community Adult Faith Formation Bible Study

As a part of our theme and intention of Building Community, our Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings continues with conversations about how living in community with one another changes us. The apostle Paul writes in the book of Romans: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:2

Adult Faith Formation Meets in the library each Sunday at approximately 10:45am (except for the first Sunday of each month as we enjoy Cafe and fellowship together)



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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
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**Jody Draper, Custodian**

**Church Council**

Paul Economy, Council President; Ellen Mehalic, Council Vice-President;  
Max Holland Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;  
Members: Patti Henkel, Kendra Meighan, Bruce Johnson,  
Dedi Spradlin, Marty Frazier, Donna Wright

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

