

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MAY 2024



Festival of Pentecost

Happy birthday, dear church! What is Pentecost, you ask? It's a festival of the church that celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church! On Pentecost Sunday, hear the story from the book of Acts of how the Holy Spirit descended like tongues of fire above people's heads. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they were able to understand one another, even though they were speaking different languages!

On Pentecost Sunday, wear the color red to celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit then and the ways the Spirit is moving among us now! Join in worship this Pentecost Sunday, May 19 as we give thanks to God for the ever transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of the church!



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 want to practice hospitality and welcome for people who are searching for a faithful community. Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip we excitedly look forward to **Sunday May 19th**, as we officially receive new members to this congregation.

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. God's Spirit is moving through you.

If you are interested in joining the congregation at St. Philip please speak with Pastor Laura or Pastor David.

Roanoke Valley Youth Fun and Faith

On April 21, after confirmation study at St. Mark Lutheran, the Roanoke Valley Youth gathered in downtown Roanoke for some fun together doing a scavenger hunt that culminated with a pizza feast at Benny Marconis. There were ten clues for ten different landmarks. How do you think you might do?

Here's one of the clues: Never yell this in a crowded room unless it's getting hot fast. This place in Roanoke could help though both with cooling things down and with a room.

Think you know the spot? Check with Pastor David and make a guess.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE -

Monday, May 6th, St. Philip will be hosting a blood drive from 12-6pm!

Please sign up to donate if you can at www.redcross.org/give or by contacting Debbie Kanode. Please join us in praying for this ministry that supports the health of our community! One donation can save up to three lives! Thank you for your support!



Council News -- April 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

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

Pastor Laura co-led confirmation with Christ Lutheran Church and participated in the Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth March gathering, partnered with College Lutheran to host an Easter Egg Hunt and Party for young families, and is planning an Outdoor Fun young family event at St Philip on April 28 for Roanoke Valley Lutherans. She is continuing to plan for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. She participates in worship and music events and pastoral care visits. She is co-chair of the VA Synod nominating committee to help secure candidates for various roles at the Synod Assembly and attended a board meeting for Virginia Lutheran Homes. She will attend the Synod Assembly in April.

The congregational event survey was conducted and results are being tallied.

Pastor David conducted annual reviews with staff. An unusual number of hospital visits and pastoral care responses has kept both pastors occupied.

The St Philip Global Mission team authorized sending \$4000 of un-designated global mission account funds for immediate response needs in Malawi.

He met with the Stewardship Team to develop a timeline for stewardship emphasis.

We had 8 dedicated volunteers to help with outdoor sprucing up on Saturday March 23.

Thanks to those who have completed terms serving on Church Council. Thanks to Paul Economy for his gift of leadership, Patti Henkel for asking how activities can include others, Kendra Meighan who uses her creativity to include others, and Donna Wright who has consistently been someone to step in and help with whatever is needed. We give thanks for their service which has been meaningful and most appreciated.

Next month there will be a report on Custodian Service and the Solar Project.

Maintenance to Mission

Council spent time discussing the challenges we face in our church community today. Our survey is a good way to solicit congregational input and we should focus on inviting others to participate and join us. Our Mission Statement of Live like that: Love, Feed, Serve is a good start to remind us of our calling. Our strengths at St Philip are welcome and care. The goal is to respond to God's call that Jesus is the living Lord who transforms and changes things and we continue to show up and do the best we can. We can meet people where they are. There is reassurance in the Gospel news.

Treasurer's Report – Max Holland

March receipts were \$27,051

March expenses were \$33,715

First quarter receipts \$79,376

First quarter expenses \$77,013

We are on budget for the year



Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member

Betty Hammond –Member

Bev Horvath—Member

Sara Aubitz - Member

Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter

Margaret Mitchell—Member



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Dudley May 01

Maribeth Bolster May 04

Shannon Radmacher May 06

Kevin Britt May 07

Abby Mellon May 12

William Spradlin May 12

Madison Horacek May 13

Patricia Henkel May 18

Tina Waldron May 19

Paul Economy May 20

Diana Forbes May 20

William Wilhelm May 21

Stuart Dillon May 22

Catherine Mehalic May 22

Lisa Greer May 23

Peter Shick May 23

Mary McCutchen May 24

Meagan Trivellin May 25

Aurelia Clark May 26

Gary Dudley May 27

Billy Elliott May 27

Anna Radtke May 27

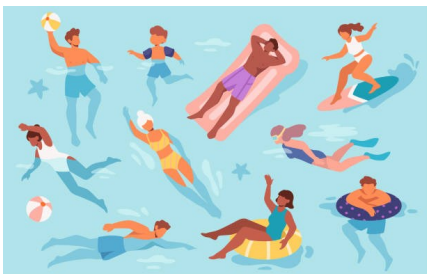
Jessica Monroe May 30

SUMMER CAMP AT CAROLINA FURNACE

Ever thought about summer camp at Camp Caroline Furnace?

Summer Camp is a place that supports new experiences, close friendships, limitless fun, and faith made tangible. Campers engage in daily worship and Bible study, plus a wide range of activities. They'll get to swim, canoe, fish, creekwalk, play group games, hike, cook over a campfire, create crafts, and so much more! Each week, volunteer chaplains from nearby Lutheran congregations join us in supporting faith development.

There are scholarships available. If you or someone you know might be interested click on this Summer Camp Flyer or contact Pastor David (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net) or Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@stphiliplutheran.net)



SUPPORTING ELIJAH'S BACKPACK AT KROGER

Have you ever heard of the Kroger Community Rewards Program? It's a program that allows you to support a local non-profit every time you shop, at no cost to you! If you would like to participate, simply log into your Kroger account at Kroger.com. Then click "Account," then "Community Rewards." Then you may search for St Philip Lutheran Elijah Backpack or with the reference code KJ041 and click Enroll.

New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a Kroger rewards card. If you have any questions, please contact your local Kroger or Nancy Shadix.



A Message From Your Stewardship Team

Sunday May 5th is the designated date for our Consecration Sunday. Consecration Sunday caps off our annual financial appeal each year.

Over the past several weeks you have been invited and encouraged to reflect on your giving to the mission and ministries of St. Philip. We have heard several personal stories from fellow St. Philipians. Each of these stories, in their own way, are examples of what living in a culture of gratitude and generosity looks like and feels like. We hope these stories have helped to inspire us all to thoughtfully reflect on our own experiences and feelings of gratitude and generosity.

The next step is to put our inspired gratitude into action through generosity, supporting the ongoing ministries of St. Philip through regular giving.

Each of us will have an opportunity to respond to this year's appeal on Consecration Sunday by submitting an Intent Card. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give, then make every effort to bring your completed Intent Cards with you on May 5th so that your gifts can be offered and consecrated to God's service during the worship service.

God's Peace to all, from your Stewardship Team.



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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;
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

