

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE OCTOBER 2024

What's Next at St. Philip?

St. Philip is called to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve. It's not a matter of if we will, but how will we. What's next at St. Philip? Your St. Philip church council is asking that very question amongst a host of other questions. There certainly is a strong sense of God's Spirit moving as those questions are asked while keeping constant our connection and desire to be about God calling us into sharing the good news of Jesus. One discovery for our leadership is that we are going to need some time for discernment and our church council is committed to investing that time. The congregation is invited to participate fully in this discernment process. If you have thoughts, comments, dreams, or aspirations do not hesitate to speak to any of our council members or Pastor David.



In the meantime, there are several things taking shape to ensure while we discern and listen, pray and wonder, we continue to live out our mission in the best ways possible.

There is much for which to be thankful: thank you Mary Jo Sahm for taking on the coordination of our Sunday morning nursery care, thank you Karen Barnett and Liz Leonard for reinvigorating our Home Communion Visitation Teams, thank you Shannon Radmacher for being the prime leader for Feast at Philips, thank you Linda Duncan Rhodes and Debbie Kanode for spearheading the Day of Service at Melrose Towers, thank you to the countless folks who are doing even more behind the scenes to enable us to keep on loving, feeding, and serving.



Guest Preachers Coming to St. Philip

As we at St. Philip adjusts to one called pastor instead of two, we are excited to welcome guest preachers to occasionally deliver sermons as a part of our worship. We are blessed to have as a resource a cadre of lay preachers trained and commissioned to preach by the Virginia Synod, as well as several retired pastors in the Roanoke Valley.

On Sunday's when guest preachers come, Pastor David will also be present to preside at Holy Communion and to lead worship. We are excited about the opportunity to hear a variety of voices bring to us the preached word. Additionally, we are grateful that during the weeks where a guest preacher comes it frees some time normally dedicated to sermon preparation for Pastor David to instead focus on other areas of ministry.



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. This special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 6 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 6 for this opportunity. If you know a fellow animal lover who might be interested in this service, invite them to come with you!



PRAYER REQUESTS

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sheila Overstreet	October 1
Sara Aubitz	October 6
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
Doug Peoples	October 28
Derrick Radtke	October 29
Ruth Heinzelmann	October 30
Lynn Lawson	October 31

Trunk or Treat

Please make plans to attend the Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27 from 2-4pm. We will need decorated car trunks for handing out candy, candy donations, and volunteers! Come on and enjoy the fun! Last year's event was well received in the Hollins community and provided a safe place for children to trick or treat. Please contact Linda Duncan Rhodes (LRhodes511@aol.com) if you would like to be involved.



Blood Drive at St. Philip

October Blood Drive - Monday, October 7, 12pm- 6pm. Sign ups are open online **now**. You are encouraged to go in and sign up at 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".



Roanoke Valley Youth Golf Tournament a Success

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in any way in this year's Roanoke Youth Golf Tournament. It was a great day with 40 golfers heading out to the course on a magnificent Saturday. This event is the primary fundraiser for youth ministry for Lutherans in the Roanoke Valley and enables youth retreats, events, and activities to happen without using regular church offerings. The tournament this year raised over \$4000! Youth need safe spaces to live and grow - youth ministry is one of those spaces. Again thank you to sponsors, volunteers, golfers, and most especially to the God of abundance for a great day of experiencing grace upon grace.

Roanoke Valley Youth Will Crop Walk

The Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth are excited to be participating in the Roanoke Valley Crop Walk happening October 20th. What a great way to Love, Feed, and Serve.

The CROP Hunger Walk began in 1969 and was one of the first charity walks. One of the mottoes, "We walk because they walk" recognizes that many people have to walk daily to have access to clean water and nourishing food. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs. Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone. We have been walking in the Roanoke Valley since 1983.

Council News -- September 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday September 12 in person.

The Solar Energy Task Force is moving forward with SunDay Solar as approved by the congregation.

There continues to be property needs that members of the congregation can volunteer to help with.

Discussion was held around creating a property team that was identified as a top priority.

There have been a number of property repairs that have been needed at the parsonage.

Council continues conversations about what is next for St. Philip, including conversation

about what might be the best staffing model for our mission together. As those conversations continue the council has determined that one immediate action that will be helpful is inviting guest preachers to supplement worship leadership.

The annual Youth Ministry Golf Tournament will be September 28.

Council continued the discussion of Maintenance to Mission and exploring how our Love, Feed, and Serve mission is made known in the community.

Shannon Radmacher will be the coordinator for Feast at Philips.

Karen Barnett is assisting with visitation and is giving leadership to home communion ministry.

Treasurer's Report

August receipts \$21,462

August expenses \$36,048

There were a number of unusual expenses and there will be some credits going forward to balance this.



Fall Fix October 12th

Celebrate the arrival of autumn by helping clean up and "fix up" the St. Philip facility and property that enables us to live God's mission in great ways on Saturday, October 12 from 8am to noon.

In an effort to care for this wonderful blessing, you are invited to help clean up a bit. Spend the morning cleaning, weeding, helping with much needed minor repairs, or landscaping. Many hands make light work for the tasks planned. Even our youngest members can help with small tasks. What a great way to teach them how to be good stewards of the many blessings God gives all of us!

If you would like to participate contact Pastor David or Donna Wright. No experience is necessary.

AND if you can't make it on October 12 but would like to help out with some property stuff contact Pastor David. We have a running list of to dos that can be done at your convenience.



Faith Formation This Fall

Starting Sunday October 6 children are invited for an opportunity to learn and grow in faith. Children pre kindergarten to 3rd grade are invited after the children's sermon on Sunday mornings to join our nursery attendant Hannah Staley for 15 minutes of planned faith formation with the intent they return to the worship gathering prior to celebrating Holy Communion. Thank you Hannah for leading this ministry.

Also starting on Sunday, October 6 Pastor David will be leading some faith centered conversation for adults. This opportunity will take place in the sanctuary starting around 10:45am. Pastor David will host a town hall style conversation focusing on how faith impacts and shapes everything from who we are as a community of faith to the routine of daily life. Bring your questions . . . really all of them . . . so we can additionally ask where is God in all this?



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Church Council

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Max Holland Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

