

# St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE APRIL 2025

## Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship 2025

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 the ways We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God's manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. Based on the hymn "Beneath the cross of Jesus" (ELW 338), this series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness. As people of faith we always celebrate the promise of Easter morning even as we always hold that resurrection hope in tension with the powerful sacrifice of crucifixion and the cross.

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 for a simple soup supper at 6pm followed by worship at 7pm.

April 2 - 7pm - *From my contrite heart, with tears*  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Rev. David Derrick Preaching

April 9 - 7pm -  
*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place*  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Seminarian Caroline Wilson Preaching

## 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 - April 13 - 9:30am, in person, Streaming on Facebook**

**Maundy Thursday - April 17- 7pm, in person and Streaming on Facebook**

**Good Friday - April 18 - 7pm, in person and Streaming on Facebook**

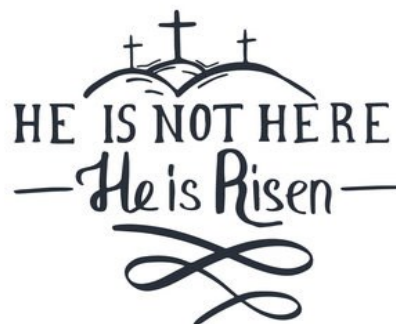
**Easter Sunday - April 20 - Sunrise Service at 7am, in person at the outdoor chapel**

**9:30am worship in person, Streaming on Facebook.**

**Easter Breakfast - April 20 - 10:45am**

## St. Philip Landscaping and Clean Up Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5 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.



**Council News -- March 2025**  
**Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary**

Church Council met on Tuesday March 4 in person.

The solar project with SunDay Solar was completed and dedicated in our church service on February 23.

Property needs are being listed and a new team is being assembled. Proposals are being sought for several areas to provide proper care for our building and grounds.

Interims for music leadership are being sought as we continue to search for a longer term position.

Our website has been updated to ensure accurate and current information is available.

We are continuing to search for how we can connect to Melrose Towers and help those residents.

Church Council Nominating Team will be meeting to present a list of candidates.

Name Tags are being planned so they can be used at each church service or meeting.

Our new custodial service will begin in March.

Treasurer's Report – Max Holland  
 February receipts \$ 21,033  
 February expenses \$ 30,090

The \$9000 difference included endowment disbursements of \$5000 to Lions Share and a scholarship and also Benevolence included December. Solar rebates will be expected for next year. SunDay Solar has offered a 30% discount for a year interest free as the rebate won't be this current year as planned.



Marlene Craig	April 2
Bill Diekow	April 7
Jim Burke	April 8
Price Wingate	April 9
Betty Holland	April 14
Maggie McDaniel	April 18
Donna Wright	April 19
Ron Overstreet	April 19
Garth McNeill	April 19
Griffin Horacek	April 19
Finley Monroe	April 21
Carol Goad	April 27

**Prayer Requests**

Scott Buchanan – Member  
 Betty Hammond –Member  
 Sara Aubitz - Member



**BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON AND THE NEED IS**

**GREAT!** - Please mark your calendar for our next blood drive - Monday, **May 5th** 12 -6pm. As always, the need for blood is critical and with summer fast approaching, the need will increase. **PLEASE share with your family, friends, and co-workers about our blood drives.**



**Nominating Committee for Church Council**

Each April the community at St. Philip elects leaders to serve as a part of the church council. Church council serves the congregation as the primary decision making body for our community. A nominating committee has been formed to help identify some potential people to serve in this incredibly important role. Serving on the nominating committee are: Bruce Johnson, Marty Frazier, Gary Sahn, and Pastor David. If you would like to be nominated or would like the committee to consider a gifted member of this community speak with any of these individuals.

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown to me as I retired.

Your thoughtful words, heartfelt gifts and the wonderful reception were truly appreciated. I will miss you and look forward to seeing you around.

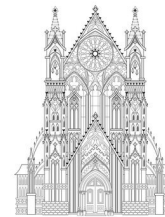
Sincerely, *Judy Burnette*

## Potluck Lunch and Tour of Basilica of Saint Andrew

Have you ever wondered about the history of the Basilica of Saint Andrew or what it looked like inside?

On April 8th bring a favorite lunch dish to share and join me in the St Philip Fellowship Hall at noon for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Drinks will be provided. At 1:30 pm we will carpool to the Basilica of Saint Andrew for a guided tour which will begin at 2:00 pm. The tour will take 1 1/2 to 2 hours. I will be collecting \$5 from each person during lunch to give a love offering to the Basilica as a thank you for the tour.

If interested in lunch and going on the tour please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions contact Linda Duncan Rhodes (540)529-9498. Al Simpson and I are looking forward to seeing you on April 8th.



## Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 27 at 10:30am immediately following worship both in the sanctuary and by way of Zoom video conference (Meeting i.d. 86040199836, Password 24019 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040199836?pwd=ZVpoN2NyeFFWTDR2WmNWeWR2SVJjdz09>) The congregation will be electing church council members - please check your mail or email box for notice and more information including brief biographies of candidates running for church council.

It is so important for all of us to be a part of God's mission through St. Philip. Make plans to be here on April 27!

## Spring Flowers for Easter Season

**On Easter Sunday (April 20)** spring flowers will adorn and decorate the worship space. As we continue to celebrate the Easter season you are invited to take any of these potted flowers home to plant and remember the Easter promise all spring and summer long.



## Live Like That – Extend an Easter Invitation

Even as we live through a reflective and confessional time during the season of lent, remember St. Philip will celebrate boldly God's promise made real through the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is alive and that indeed is good news.

One important way is by extending an invitation. **Easter is Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. For many who are not connected to a worshiping community, it is often at Easter time that God's Spirit is moving in a way that at least raises some questions of curiosity. For many the last impediment to seeing what this "Christian stuff" is all about can be overcome with a simple invitation!

This Easter, extend an invitation to a friend, a co-worker, an extended family member, an acquaintance, or even a stranger to connect with St. Philip on Easter Sunday. You can make that happen with an invitation to join you in the sanctuary or by sharing opportunities to worship digitally. Make the invitation then get out of the way and let God's Holy Spirit take over. The love God demonstrates in the death and resurrection of Jesus – it's a love that's most definitely worth sharing.

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**Church Council**

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Dedi Spradlin, Marty Frazier, Paul Economy

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

