

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JULY 2025



Staff Search Update and Networking

St. Philip continues to search for an organized, gifted, inspired, and self-starting individual for a part time position as Office Administrator. The intent is for this person to be someone outside the membership of St. Philip, but we do want to enlist the help of the St. Philip community in extending networks and making connections with possible candidates. A full job description is available on the St. Philip website, and potential candidates are encouraged to submit a resume to pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net.

Additionally we give thanks for the talented and gifted musicians who have provided musical leadership for worship on Sunday mornings. We are grateful for their willingness to be present on Sundays, as we continue to search for a person who can give direction and energy to developing music ministry at St. Philip.

Virginia Synod Assembly Report June 13-15, 2025

Lutherans from all around the Virginia Synod gathered at Roanoke College for the 2025 Virginia Synod Assembly. Pastor David, Shannon Radmacher, and Dan Radmacher represented St. Philip at this event.

The Assembly theme was Intertwining Hope. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me, and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing. (John 15:5 The Voice Translation). The theme was carried out throughout the assembly by hearing updates from various mission partners who were present.

The Assembly opened with a service of Holy Communion. Bishop Dee Pederson, Southwestern Minnesota Synod, served as the preacher for worship and focused on the Assembly theme, 'Intertwining Hope.' On Saturday morning, Bishop Phyllis Milton presided at a service of remembrance for rostered ministers who had died since the last onsite assembly in 2023. The assembly also remembered congregations that had closed. Saturday's Assembly concluded with a Festival Service of Holy Communion that included commissioning four lay ministers, Jim Ingraham, Erich Lantz, Debbie Mintiens, and Jennifer Partica. The final day of the Assembly began with morning prayer and ended with a closing worship service featuring a sermon by Vicar Andy Taminger (Southside Partnership-Ascension, Danville and Holy Trinity, Martinsville).

Five local lay leaders were recognized through the 2025 Serving Boldly Awards. The award recipients were Sandy Birch (St. Michael, Blacksburg), Scott Miller (Lakeside, Lake Gaston), Kelly Rummel (Trinity, Newport News), Linda Williams (St. Paul, Strasburg), and Rita Foringer (Gloria Dei, Hampton), who received the lifetime achievement award. The Assembly celebrated and honored Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick as she concludes her call.

Mostly, the assembly was a great reminder of how we as congregations are connected to other Lutherans throughout the state, the nation, and the world. God's mission to share the love made known in Jesus happens in wonderful ways and connects us to people everywhere.

Council News -- June 2025

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Church Council met on Tuesday June 10 in person and via Zoom.

Pastor David has been spending a lot of time on worship planning and identifying people to lead music each week. The Praise Band is taking a break for a while and we appreciate their dedication.

We have posted our need for an interim music person. Thank you to Alice Lebow who served as office administrator and her last day was June 6. We appreciate her service.

The Personnel team has met and developed job descriptions and search plans for an Office Administrator. St Philip member Maribeth Schermer will serve as an interim administrator over the summer.

Pastor David continues to extend hospital and homebound visits, calls and messages and notes. There has been an unusual amount of pastoral care needs this month. He officiated the marriage ceremony for Nick Muir and Angel Ross. He officiated the memorial service for Gay Streithof.

We continue to benefit from capturing solar power -- our \$1080 power bill in March was \$78 in April and May.

Property needs are continuing to be prioritized and plans being created. Council will sponsor a church picnic on Sunday September 7 and Maribeth Schermer will coordinate.

Pastor David has provided leadership to collaborative youth ministry.

Church Council has committed to 100% participation in completing pledge cards for the upcoming year.

May receipts \$16,632 May expenses \$23,606

Happy Birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Derrick	July 5
Jennifer Shult	July 5
Debbie Kanode	July 5
Larry Pauley	July 6
Scott Price	July 15
Jacob Shult	July 15
Eugene Yeakley	July 15
Cynda Johnson	July 16
Samuel Deel	July 18
Randy Grimm	July 18
Marjorie Nickum	July 19
Keith Shult	July 20
Judy Brammer	July 24
Diane Muir	July 24
Julinn Albertin-Johnson	July 30
Tyler Derrick	July 30
Hannah Staley	July 31

Day of Service

“God’s work. Our hands.”

This is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Tuesday, August 26th at 9:30 am we will serve breakfast to our friends and residents at Melrose Towers. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, and other breakfast items will be needed. Volunteers will also be needed to help serve. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area/narthex. We also give each resident a bag with items that cannot be purchased with EBT. We usually make 125 bags. Most items can be purchased at the Dollar Store. Weekly collections for items will be as follows and can be placed on a designated table in the fellowship hall.

July 20th - Toilet paper, July 27th - Laundry Detergent
August 10th - Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

August 3rd - Bath soap/Shower gel

Blood Drive

On July 28, St. Philip will host a blood drive 12-6pm. Please sign up to donate at www.redcross.org/give. Every donation can help save up to three lives! Thank you to our volunteers and donors who serve the community in this way!



Lutheran Night at Salem Red Sox

Calling ALL LUTHERANS OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY (and FRIENDS)!

You are invited to a special night at the Salem Red Sox on August 9, 2025! Come and cheer for the Sox against the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers!

Take advantage of special pricing for our group--tickets are just \$13 for reserved seating where we'll all sit together in the concourse level!

You don't have to be Lutheran to enjoy "Lutheran Night," but you will meet many Lutherans from congregations throughout the Roanoke Valley!

SAVE THE DATE! Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth Group

24th annual captain's choice golf tournament.

Blue Hills Golf Club

Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Please mark your calendar to save this date for a day on the golf course and a day to support the ministry of faithful youth (We will let you know if we need to make adjustments but save this date).



Thank You for Your Intent Cards! Thank You for Your Generosity!

The Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all our St. Philipian brothers and sisters for your faithful response to continue building a culture of generosity at St. Philip. During our stewardship emphasis this year we have heard stories of ministry - generosity and God's mission for us connect hand in hand.

At the time of the newsletter deadline estimated intent cards were still being received, but we are so excited to know that God's call to generosity is moving in our community beyond our church building in new ways.

Please do note if you intend to change your financial generosity in any way you will need to make those changes through whatever medium you use for sharing gifts (the intent cards are intended as a tool for us to be inspired, faithful and intentional about a plan for giving).

We opened with a thank you to our brothers and sisters. We would like to close with a Thank You to God and the Holy Spirit that continues to guide and strengthen us. All good things come from God, and "Grace upon Grace" flows in and through our community.

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Change Service Requested

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Church Council

Ellen Mehalic, Council President; Dan Radmacher, Council Vice-President;
Max Holland Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
Members: Mary Jo Sahm, Liz Leonard, Brent Ferguson,
Maribeth Schermer, Dedi Spradlin, Paul Economy

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

