

# St. Philip Invitation



*LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE* AUGUST 2025

## **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.

August 3rd - Bath soap/Shower gel

August 10th - Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

## **Lutheran Night With the Salem Redsox**

### ***Lutheran Night at Salem Red Sox!***



***Saturday, August 9, 2025***

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

You are invited to a special night at the Salem Red Sox at 6:35 PM 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!

Questions? Ready to reserve tickets? For more Information click [HERE](#).

## Witnessing Paws Ministry

### Holds Third event in 2025

It is always such a joy to work with our Pet Therapy volunteers to host Pet Partner evaluations! I want to especially thank Paul Henegar, Nina Templeton with her neutral dog, Summer, Dedi Spradlin, Betty Wilson, Nani Jarrell, and Mark Nelson who made it possible for all teams who registered to be evaluated at St. Philip today. Leanne BrownLee with her Golden Retriever, Ember, "Dogs bring joy and help make connections." Kathy Carter with her King Charles Spaniel, Deacon, "Deacon and I hope to bring joy and happiness to people." Nani Jarrell with her Bernese Mountain Dog, Lucy Lou, "When working with Lucy Lou, I love to see the joyful eyes of those we serve."

Please reach out to me at [sybillenelson@aol.com](mailto:sybillenelson@aol.com), if you would like to help us with future evaluation or simply want to join us to observe an actual evaluation to learn more.

Our witnessing paws ministry is making a positive difference in our community with one Pet Therapy Team at a time! Thank you for your ongoing support.

Peace,  
Sybille Nelson



## Happy Birthday!

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Johnson	August 2
Doug Hiller	August 5
Ruth Farmer	August 5
Jessica Staley	August 8
Karen Barnett	August 12
Donna Spradlin	August 23
Brian Johnston	August 25
Keith Schult Jr.	August 27
Cindy Fielder	August 28
Mona Ferguson	August 29
Bill Hughes	August 30
Nathan Radmacher	August 30
Chloe Wilson	August 30
Sybille Nelson	August 31

## Home Communion Ministry

### Bringing the Lord's Supper and Word to You

In the early years of the church, Christians would gather in homes to worship God and to celebrate Holy Communion. With Holy Communion Christ Jesus promises to be with us, connect us, forgive us, and empower us. For a number of years St. Philip has highlighted the power and grace of the Lord's Supper through home communion ministry. This vital ministry is an additional opportunity to share the Sacrament of Communion with shut-ins, the sick, the elderly, and others who might be physically unable to get to church in order to participate in worship. We have discovered that this ministry is a wonderful way for the community at St. Philip to connect with Christ and each other.

The Home Communion Ministry Team is currently matching communion ministers with folks who need a visit. If you would like to be a communion minister please speak with Liz Leonard or Pastor David for more details. We can provide you everything you need for this important ministry.

## Blood Drive



On July 28, St. Philip will host a blood drive 12-6pm. Please sign up to donate at [www.redcross.org/give](http://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!

## Announcing Congregational Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7. Bring your chairs, blankets, and most especially your whole family, for a good old traditional picnic. There will be yard games for kids of all ages, too! Picnic time will start at 4:00 p.m. and will be a great time for fellowship and fun. Be sure to make plans to attend. St. Philip will provide burgers, dogs, and drinks - bring with you a side dish or dessert to share.

## Roanoke Valley Youth 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Blue Hills Golf Club

**NEW THIS YEAR: Lunch at Blue Hills at 12:30pm with Shotgun start at 1:30pm**

**Register by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - \$360 per team/\$90 per golfer**

**Support youth ministry in the Roanoke Valley! .**

Please, please consider putting together a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play. Please, please consider sponsoring a hole, asking your employer to sponsor a hole, or donating a prize to go to tournament participants. Email Pastor David ([pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)) for a registration form or sponsorship information or register your team [Registration Form](#).

## ELIJAH'S BACKPACK



As school supplies are purchased and fall approaches, Elijah's Backpack is gearing up again to serve students in Roanoke County who need food assistance. Every Thursday morning, packs of food are assembled at St. Philip and brought to schools for the students to take home in their backpacks. Your support and prayers for this ministry are invited as they love, feed, and serve these students.



## Backpack Blessing on August 17th

With the school year starting, St. Philip will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 17 at 9:30am. All children, youth, and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church for prayer and blessing in preparation for the new school year. Consider inviting your friends or teachers you know to come and have their backpacks blessed as we ask for God's blessing for all who learn and serve. Let's share a big pile of backpacks and a great start to a year of learning.

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Change Service Requested

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Maribeth Schermer, Dedi Spradlin, Paul Economy

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

