

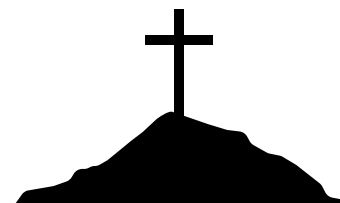
St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT: LOVE, FEED, SERVE.



MAY
2026

What Makes Your Heart Sing?: Building a Culture of Gratitude A Stewardship Message from Gary Sahn



What Makes Your Heart Sing?

"Where your treasure is there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Our annual stewardship appeal for this year will begin on Sunday April 26, and culminate four weeks later with Consecration Sunday set for May 17. Please plan to attend worship service on that day to consecrate our financial support. (**consecrate**: *to make or declare sacred; dedicate or set aside to the service of God*)

Our theme for this year's appeal is "What Makes Your Heart Sing?" Jesus' words in Matthew 6:26 speaks to our "heart health", so it's important to personally examine our own hearts.

We encourage each of you to reflect on this question over the course of the appeal period and answer that question for yourselves. We hope our reflections help us gain a fuller understanding and appreciation of the relationship we have with God.

Please consider sharing some of your thoughts so as to encourage and inspire our fellow members. HOW that sharing will be done will come out as the appeal progresses, but we envision brief written reflections of a sentence or two, a favorite quotation or bible passage, or even a short video. Be creative!

The Stewardship Team



JOY GROWS IN A GARDEN OF GRATITUDE



Virginia Synod Event **Power in the Spirit** Coming July 16-18

This year's gathering will take place on the campus of Roanoke College July 16-18, 2026 focusing on how God's Spirit ENLIGHTENS, EQUIPS AND EMPOWERS. We are excited to have the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Yehiel Curry, attending and speaking at Power in the Spirit.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council met April 14 in the church library and over Zoom.

Council spent some time discussing the vacant office administrator position and how to handle some of those responsibilities while a candidate search is under way. Council member Mary Beth Schermer and Ministry Associate for Worship and Engagement Donita Moore will help with some of the duties, but other assistance would be helpful. If you think you can help, contact Pastor David.

Treasurer Max Holland was absent, but sent financial reports. Giving was down some in March and there were a number of unusual expenses, including some necessary repairs and endowment disbursements.

One of those disbursements funded the purchase and installation of new cameras for St. Philip's livestream. The original cameras were not working reliably. The new cameras are a considerable upgrade that deliver far sharper pictures for the livestream. A new projection computer was also installed and the cabling to the projector was updated.

St. Philip's annual stewardship emphasis will run from April 26 through May 17 with the theme, "What Makes Your Heart Sing."

Pastor David thanked outgoing council members Paul Economy, Liz Leonard, Mary Jo Sahm and Dan Radmacher for their service and leadership.

The next church council meeting will be held on May 12 in the church library. Any are welcome to attend.



STAFF SEARCH UPDATE AND NETWORKING

St. Philip is searching 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 resume to pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net



MAY BIRTHDAYS

CATHY DUDLEY 5/01
SHANNON RADMACHER
5/06
ABBY MELLON 5/12
CHUCK SPRADLIN 5/12
PATTI HENKEL 5/18
TINA WALDRON 5/19
PAUL ECONOMY 5/20
ELLIE FORBES 5/20
BILL WILHELM 5/21
CATHERINE MEHALIC
5/22
PETE SHICK 5/23
SCOTTIE MCCUTCHEON
5/24
GARY DUDLEY 5/27
BILLY ELLIOT 5/27
ANNA RADTKE 5/27
JESSICA MONROE 5/30

"RED CROSS CELEBRATION OF HEROES BREAKFAST"

Debbie Kanode & Linda Rhodes were invited to attend this breakfast at Hotel Roanoke on Thursday, 4/23/26. They, along with St. Philip Lutheran Church, were recognized as a community leader for our long standing commitment of hosting blood drives and the amount donations that have been given.

This long standing tradition at St. Philip is one we are proud to carry on in the loving memory of Margaret Mitchel, Ruth Farmer and Helen Miller, along with the many others that have helped make our blood drives such a success.

Our dates for this year blood drives are as follows: May 4th, July 27th, October 5th, and December 14th. "You Give so Others can Live"

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 10th, 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 David.



FROM THE CORNER...

Easter Forever

My son loves Easter Egg Hunts. From the time he was introduced to them up until he was about twenty-five, we had Easter Egg Hunts for his birthday, at family gatherings any time of the year, and sometimes at Easter. Although unplanned, this practice kept the idea of Easter alive in our lives all year round: Easter promises, Easter joy, Easter forever. As our Easter season 2026 winds down this month and we move into Pentecost, I wonder how we will keep Easter alive. How will we live out our faith, our Easter promises, our Easter joy every day? Is that what Pentecost is about? When Jesus appeared to the disciples on that first day, he said, "...As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21b) We are sent out to help others, to accept, to encourage, to listen, to 'be Jesus' every day. It's a full-time job..... Easter Forever!

Donita

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