

St. Philip Invitation

◆ LIVE LIKE THAT: LOVE, FEED, SERVE.



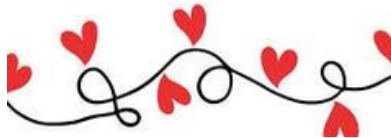
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What Makes Your Heart Sing?

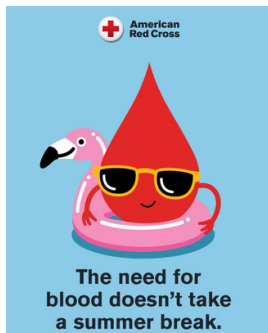
Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also - Mt. 6:21

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JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Red Cross Blood Drive



Mark your calendar.....Monday, July 27th
from 12 noon - 6 pm.

The need for blood does not take a vacation. We
NEED you to sign up to help with the shortage now.
Please encourage others to donate blood with us in
July too! If any questions please contact Debbie
Kanode at 540-589-6865.

"You Give So Others Can Live".

Please sign up to donate at www.redcross.org/give.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth Group
25th annual captain's choice
golf tournament.

Blue Hills Golf Club

Saturday, September 19, 2026.

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).



**WELCOME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
KIMBERLY GARRIOTT**



Kimberly Garriott will be joining the staff of St Philip as our Office Administrator on Tuesday, July 7. Kimberly has been Office Manager at Denbigh United Presbyterian Church in Newport News for the past nine years, a wonderful fit with her passion for non-profits. She also has twenty-five years of experience in Behavioral Health administration, a career that she loved. Kimberly is starting a new life journey here in Roanoke and is looking forward to meeting her new church family and congregation.

Her education started in high school where she became certified in Office Training in her senior year, then on to trade school, certified in Secretarial Science-Cooperative. After that, she pursued her Associate's Degree in General Studies and her certification through IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) as a CAP (Certified Administrative Professional) and VS (Virtual Support). She enjoys learning new things, especially administration and technology.

Kimberly is a military spouse of a retired Coastie (US Coast Guard), Randy. They are high school sweethearts who have two adult children, Hunter and Tawna, and a daughter-in-law, Clarissa and a future-son-law, Triston. They have lived in Newport News for over 13 years but want to call Roanoke home. In her spare time, she likes to read, spend time with family and her yorkie fur babies, Tink and Nina, and walking. She also enjoys doing ministries with her church.



NEW NEIGHBORS COMING NEXT DOOR TO ST. PHILIP

A pending sale of the property directly southwest and next door to St. Philip is slated to be developed with the construction of multiple apartment buildings.

Though the sale is not final, it is very likely that the property will be under construction at some point in the coming months.

There are a lot of questions to be asked and our leadership at St. Philip is in conversation with officials from both Roanoke County and the Virginia Department of Transportation to get as clear a picture as possible as to what impact such a development might have at St. Philip. As details become more solidified, we will plan to share those with the St. Philip family.

Of course, significant development no matter the direct impacts creates change. Ultimately, there seem to be two primary considerations: First, to live out our mission to Love, Feed, and Serve as we literally expect a significant number of new neighbors next door to our facility. Second, for St.

Philip to continue to do what we are doing by meeting with all parties involved in the development project and advocate for the best interests of St. Philip.

If you have questions or comments please direct them to Pastor David.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT SALEM RIDGEYAKS

Save the Date: Lutheran Night with Salem RidgeYaks!
Friday, August 21, 6:35 PM

Come enjoy a night of baseball with the Salem RidgeYaks (formerly known as the Salem Red Sox)! Lutherans of the Roanoke Valley, and friends, are welcome to attend the game at special pricing and in a reserved section.

This year, we've even managed to secure the shady side of the stadium!



Tickets and more information at [this link](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Lutheran-Night-at-Salem-RidgeYaks-.html?soid=1101234706842&aid=BiqiLY5P-D4): <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Lutheran-Night-at-Salem-RidgeYaks-.html?soid=1101234706842&aid=BiqiLY5P-D4>. Last year, we sold over 100 tickets in our group! Come be a part of this year's fun on Friday, August 21, 2026!

Questions? Contact Pastor David Drebes at pastordrebes@gmail.com

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 Monday, August 31st 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 narthex.

We also give each resident a bag with items that cannot be purchased with EBT. We will make 140 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 12th - Toilet paper (280 rolls needed)

July 19th - Bath soap/shower gel

July 26th - Deodorant

August 2nd - Shaving cream

August 9th - Toothpaste

August 16th - Laundry Detergent



STEWARDSHIP REPORT ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026

Our Financial Secretary reports the following results on our recent annual financial appeal:

Out of 87 households that were mailed an Intent Card, 41 completed cards were submitted on Consecration Sunday or shortly thereafter. This compares to 49 cards received in 2025.

The annualized amount of these cards totals \$139,890.
This compares to a 2025 amount of \$155,301; a decrease of \$15,411.

Of the 41 Intent Cards submitted, 8 reflected an increase of giving over last year.

And we received 3 Intent Cards from our new members.

The Stewardship Team would like to THANK all those who participated and submitted an intent card this year.

We also are very thankful for the abundance of generosity that takes place at St. Philip that is NOT reflected in the Intent Cards. The faithful givers who, for whatever reason, do not choose to submit an Intent Card; those who generously volunteer their time and talents in a myriad of ways; and numerous members that offer “in-kind” supplies or services out of their own pockets and never seek reimbursement!

And a special shout out to all who filled out a “What Makes Your Heart Sing” card that could be posted in our narthex, or who posted comments on social media.

Please take the opportunity to read some of these on your next visit to church.

Thanks and praise to God for continuing to bless our mission and ministries through the faithful stewardship of St. Philippians.

The Stewardship Team: Pastor David, Max Holland, Gary Sahn



COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Council met June 9 in the church library and over Zoom.

Council spent some time discussing the impacts of the potential sale of the property next door to the church and then subsequent development of that property building multiple apartment buildings. Leadership from St. Philip is in conversation with Roanoke County and Virginia Department of Transportation about possible impacts for St. Philip.

Reports from the property team and stewardship team were received. Ongoing property projects include: some removal of dead trees, potential reimagining of the church office space, and painting the church exterior.

New Office Administrator Kimberly Garriott begins work at St. Philip starting Tuesday, July 7.

St. Philip received the tax credit refund upon the installation of our solar panels and have since paid the remaining balance to SunDay Solar. Our solar installation continues to provide electricity for our building and the church parsonage reducing electric bills by 93% prior to the solar installation.

Church Council voted to compensate Ministry Associate for Worship Donita Moore for the additional work she has done in the absence of an office administrator.

The next church council meeting will be held on August 11 in the church library. Any are welcome to attend.



CAFE NEWS

By Linda Duncan Rhodes

Nancy and Charlie Shadix and I would like to thank everyone for their support and weekly contributions for Cafe. We invite you to continue bringing treats and snacks to share as these have been enjoyed by all and some new recipes have even been shared. We are still looking for volunteers to make coffee in case of our absence. Please see Nancy or Charlie Shadix or Linda Duncan Rhodes.

SHARE A RECIPE

Chicken and Cream of Celery Soup

Spray frying pan and quick fry ½ cup red or green pepper and ⅓ cup chopped onion

Fry five boneless skinless chicken breasts until brown (about 10 minutes)

Mix 1 tsp lemon juice and 1 can cream of celery (or cream of chicken) soup with ½ cup milk or water

Add 1 cup sliced mushrooms or corn

Simmer for 8 minutes

Bake in 350 degree oven for about 1 hour



FROM THE CORNER...

Green is for Growth

I love to garden, mostly flowers, but also a few vegetables. I'm not very good at it, but I love the feel and smell of the dirt, I love to nurture the plants, I love the beautiful blooms, and I love the lush green of the foliage. The green lets me know that the plant is growing, and changing, and sometimes, flourishing. The green of this Pentecost season in the church year can remind us that God is our Master Gardener. From the Garden of Eden to the vineyards of the Gospels, there are references to God as gardener, creating, nurturing, pruning, sharing the heartbreak when we don't flourish, and rejoicing in the beauty when we bloom and flourish. It's sometimes difficult for us to remember that, like plants, we must change to grow. We often get comfortable and resist God's nurturing us to something different so that we can learn something new and grow. So, maybe we could challenge ourselves this season to take note (maybe even write down) at least once a week, an opportunity that God has given us to change and learn and grow. How will you allow God to change and grow you this season?

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." John 15:1

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