

St. Philip Invitation

◆ LIVE LIKE THAT: LOVE, FEED, SERVE.

August 2026



Roanoke Valley Youth—25th Annual Golf Tournament

- Saturday, September 19 at Blue Hills Golf Club
- Lunch at Blue Hills at 12:30 p.m. with Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.
- Register by September 11—\$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@stphilplutheran.net) for a registration form or sponsorship information or register your team **Registration Form**.



NAME	DAY
Bruce Johnson	2
Jessica Staley	8
Carol Dillman	17
Donna Spradlin	23
Brian Johnston	25
Keith Schult, Jr.	27
Cindy Fielder	28
Mona Ferguson	29
Bill Hughes	30
Nathan Radmacher	30
Sybille Nelson	31

Prayer Shawl Blessings—August 23

One of the ministries of our congregation is the blessing and distribution of prayer shawls. The wonderful love shared through this ministry, both by those whose hands make the shawls and those who are wrapped by them in the promises of God's love, is such a gift. On Sunday, August 23rd we will give thanks for hands that create shawls, and we will call on God to bless those who made them as well as those who receive them.

If you would like to know more about this ministry, speak with Pastor David or Polly Kanode. AND, if you know of someone who might need the comfort and care of being wrapped in prayer, feel free to grab a prayer shawl on August 23 and share the love of St. Philip and the love of God with someone you know.

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS





Need a Notary?

Our new Office Administrator, Kimberly Garriott, is a Virginia Notary. She charges \$10. Her former church pays for her notary license so \$5 will be donated back to them in Newport News, \$2.50 will be donated to our church, St. Philip Lutheran Church, and the remaining \$2.50 will go to Kimberly for her time and service. Please call or email Kimberly to make an appointment if you would like to take advantage of this service. Notaries charge \$10 per document; however, she only charges a one-time fee for church members.

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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. **Last month we reported that the sale of the property is not final, and that is still the case.** Still, 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. **One update: St. Philip has engaged the services of a surveyor to survey the shared property line to ensure that, as construction begins, we have a clear understanding of where St. Philip's property ends.** 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, we literally expect a significant number of new neighbors next door to our facility, and 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.

St. Philip's Blood Drive on Monday was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to all our donors and volunteers who came out on Monday, July 27th. We collected **63** units of blood, saving **189** lives! Our goal was 52 so we exceeded that and more. Many thanks to each of you! Mark your calendars for our next drive, October 6, 12 noon to 6 p.m.



Lutheran Night with



**Friday, August 21
6:30 p.m.**

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!

Purchase tickets @

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Roanokearea3>

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.

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Day of Service

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 neighbors.

On Monday, August 31, 9:30 a.m., 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 is 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.

August 2: Shaving Cream

August 9: Toothpaste

August 16: Laundry Detergent



Announcing Congregational Picnic

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 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 a side dish or dessert to share.



Backpack Blessing

August 16, 9:30 a.m.

Bring backpacks or school bags to church for this time of prayer and blessing for the new school year.



With the school year starting, St. Philip will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 a.m. All children, youth, and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, or school bags, to church for this time of prayer and blessing 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 teachers and students. Let's have a big pile of backpacks and a great start to a year of learning.

Supplies Most Requested for the Teachers and Students at Burlington Elementary School

We will also collect school supplies on August 16 for teachers and students at Burlington Elementary School. See the two lists on the right-hand side.

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STUDENTS

- glue sticks
- crayons
- markers
- loose leaf paper
- backpacks
- lunch boxes

TEACHERS

- pens
- dry erase markers and erasers
- post-it notes



FROM THE CORNER...

In July, we heard what I think of as the gardening parables from the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. We talked about different outcomes depending on where seeds are planted and how they are tended, what happens when different kinds of seeds are planted together, and the potential for growth in a seed.



You may remember that, in the Children's Message on July 19, I suggested that we might water the seed of God's love inside us by worshiping with others in our family of faith. If we consider ourselves to be fertile soil for the seed of God's love to grow, so much that it touches the world around us, what are some other ways that we can tend and nurture that seed? What divine treasures might be hidden inside of you that haven't yet been discovered?

"... a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." Matthew 13:52

How will you cultivate the seed of God's love inside you so that all your treasures bring that love to the world?

Donita Moore, Ministry Associate for Worship and Engagement

St. Philip's Web Presence

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