

St. Philip Invitation

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September 2026



ROANOKE VALLEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 19, 2026

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@stphililutheran.net)

for a registration form or sponsorship information or register your team **Registration Form**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NAME	DAY
Cookie Consiglio	1
Dan Radmacher	2
Nancy Shadix	3
Brent Wood	7
Mark Nelson	8
Keith Schult, Jr.	27
Diane Farmer	9
Justin Craig	10
Larry Payne	11
Linda Duncan Rhodes	14
Kathleen Radtke	14
Selise Miller	15
Lillian Theresa Mehalic	18
Drew Derrick	18
Dave Whetzel	19
Mary Wingate	23
Heidi Speakman	25
Ellen Mehalic	26
Ella Johnson	27
Ridge Radtke	28
Mary Jo Sahn	28
Dedi Spradlin	30



Day of Service—SUCCESSFUL!

Thank you to everyone who helped the Day of Service event with the residents of Melrose Towers be such a success! Many items were shared with the residents and all enjoyed a wonderful and filling breakfast! Thank you for helping us love, feed, and serve like Christ in the community!

Prayer Shawl Blessing was on August 23.

Prayer shawls were blessed by words of prayer and wrapped by some young persons love. May all who received prayer shawls know the love and care of God Almighty!



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Roanoke Valley Christian Writers

by Cathy Dudley

Are you thinking about writing your story, an article, a book, your legacy words to loved ones, or journaling for future writing? Are you a beginner and don't know where to start? Well, we have just the prescription for your writing urge. I am inviting you to join our Roanoke Valley Christian Writers meeting on September 17, 6:30- 8:00 p.m. for a special presentation just for beginners. Please join our very welcoming group of all ages, stages, and genres of writing. We love beginners, and you will love our friendly folks. You may just begin a writing journey.

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COUNCIL NEWS—Met on Tuesday August 11 in person and via Zoom

While considered data looking back for 5 years at trends related to offerings and financial giving for ministry happening at St. Philip, council appointed a sub group to develop a draft communication plan to then subsequently share with the whole congregation.

Pastor David reported continued activity related to pastoral care as well as building teamwork with a now full staff at St. Philip. Pastor David also reported and gave thanks for some vacation time over the summer months. St. Philip provides 5 weeks vacation annually for Pastor David.

A number of property and capital improvements are on the horizon at St. Philip with exterior painting and power washing the first to be scheduled soon as well as updating dated office computers. St. Philip is blessed with savings to pay for more involved projects.

The status of the potential apartment building development next door is still uncertain. One change is that with a real estate closing ownership of the property has now transferred to Lawson Development Company (the company intending to build apartments next door)

Church council plans to host a congregational picnic happening September 13 at 4:00 p.m.



ROANOKE VALLEY LUTHERAN YOUTH KICK OFF A NEW YEAR AT ST. PHILIP

Lutheran youth from all over the Roanoke Valley will gather at St. Philip on September 20 to remember baptism as we have some water fun with water balloons and super soakers. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. on the back hill with pick up at 6:00 p.m. (dinner will be provided). Be sure to check out social media to see the ways water, fun, fellowship, laughter, and food all form discipleship in the youth of all communities.

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GRACE.PERIOD - New Collaborative Ministry

God's Spirit is on the move at St. Philip, but also with Lutherans and community folk throughout the Roanoke Valley.

On Saturday, September 5, Grace.Period will launch a new ministry initiative answering Jesus' call to care for and feed the hungry. From 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. free food will be distributed at the former site of St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Vinton to anyone and everyone who could use something to eat.

This Spirit filled ministry has been shaped and nurtured by an intentional effort of collaboration between some of the Lutheran congregations of the Roanoke Valley and the Virginia Synod (statewide Lutheran body). What started with a request from the St. Philip Endowment to provide seed money for some sort of collaborative ministry, then moved to a conversation of four pastors (Pastor David included) dreaming about "what might we do together." That and subsequent conversations gravitated to an understanding that whatever might happen together had to be centered around grace—and Grace.Period was born—God's Spirit is on the move. And the collaboration was just getting started.

With the bold and faithful decision of St. Timothy Lutheran in Vinton to conclude its ministry as a worshipping community, the Virginia Synod engaged Pastor Chuck Miller, recently retired from Wheatland Lutheran in Buchanan to help organize, and wonder, and dream about what new ministry opportunity might happen at the St. Timothy property in Vinton. His expertise in feeding ministry led to what has to be called a "match made in heaven" Grace.Period an idea centered in sharing grace just seemed destined to connect with a feeding ministry in Vinton.

As people are fed, as grace is shared, please pray for God's Spirit to move as St. Philip loves, feeds, and serves and as we collaborate with and live God's mission with our siblings through Grace.Period.

PUB THEOLOGY IS BACK: CONVERSATION COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Grab a drink or a bite to eat and come hang out with Pastor David and have some conversation about the story of the Exodus (Moses leading the people through the Red Sea) and how this story is such an important one to people of faith - not just Christians.

Hollywood's Restaurant Thursdays at 7 p.m. on September 10 and 17



Pub Theology with Pastor David



FROM THE CORNER...

Living in the Moment

Summer is almost over. The end of summer sneaks up on me every year. I feel like I've just gotten started with summer activities and then summer is over; a new school year begins, the weather changes, and a new liturgical year begins. The change of seasons reminds me that God designed a world for us that is perpetually changing and constantly propelled forward, never back. He expects us to move forward, not getting stuck in things of the past and not getting so focused on the future that we fail to be fully present in this moment.

Jesus modeled living in the moment. He took time on his journeys to listen to people and to respond and be fully present in their joys and their struggles as their lives changed. Like them, we are designed to learn and grow through change, and we can embrace change as an opportunity to live in the moment, connect with others, and grow in faith.

Psalm 118:24: This is the day (moment) the Lord has made; ...rejoice and be glad in it.

Donita Moore

Ministry Associate for Worship and Engagement

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Sunday, September 13

4:00 p.m.

8115 Williamson Rd.
Roanoke, VA 24019

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.

MENU CHANGE: St. Philip will sub sandwiches and drinks. We ask you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.



St. Philip's Web Presence

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WE ARE POSTING NEW AND EXCITING THINGS ALMOST DAILY.
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AS WE CELEBRATE WITH ONE ANOTHER!



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