

St. Philip Invitation

"Open Tomb! Open Hearts! Open Doors!" October 2017

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Fall Fix October 14th

We have been blessed at St. Philip with an amazing facility and property that enables us to live God's mission in great ways. In an effort to care for this wonderful blessing you are invited to a Fall Fix on Saturday, October 14th from 9am until noon. We will spend the morning doing some cleaning, some weeding, some much needed minor repairs, and some landscaping. We need lots of people to help accomplish all that is planned for the day (We could use 50 people to do all that we hope to do). If you would like to participate contact Pastor David or Donna Wright. No experience is necessary.

Reformation Sunday 500th Anniversary – Reformed and Reforming



On Sun. Oct. 27th we observe Reformation Sunday by remembering the events that led to the Protestant Reformation and formation of the Lutheran Church. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

On October 31, 1517, German monk and professor of theology, Martin Luther posted on the door of Wittenberg Church 95 Theses which protested the practice of selling of indulgences. An indulgence was a certificate that one could buy in order to reduce or eliminate the time that the buyer or a loved one spent in purgatory (a place where one served penance for their sins before being admitted into heaven). Luther was adamant that God's love was shared solely by way of the gift of grace. Little did Luther know that his 95 Theses would send waves across Europe and begin a Reformation that changed the face of Western Christianity to this day.

As we celebrate a major anniversary we most assuredly look back and recognize the momentous historical shift that took place during the time of the Reformation. And even as we celebrate that history, we continuously look forward to ways in which we are reshaped and reformed as the body of Christ.

So, do not miss Reformation Sunday worship on October 27th with ONE worship service at 9:30am. Come ready to worship with gusto to remember some history but also to sing and pray with hope and faith for our present and our future. We will enjoy special music by our combined St. Philip choir as well as welcoming back Gerald Pope and his gifts with the trumpet. As a part of the reformation celebration, wear something red to remind us of the fire of the Spirit that continues to burn in our church today.

Reformation Celebration

Congregations in the Roanoke Valley celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on 1008 Franklin Rd. SW on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 3pm. Featuring The Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Lehman, preacher, The Roanoke Valley Reformation Festival Choir, The Roanoke Valley Reformation Festival Brass, Amy Cofield, Soprano, Nancy Delaney, organ, and KEVIN BRITT, soprano saxophone



Oktoberfest 500th Anniversary Party following worship.

- Menu will feature traditional Oktoberfest fare
- German style beer brewed by Pastors David Derrick and James Armentrout
- Live music provided by the ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAISE BAND
- Tickets for the Oktoberfest are available through St. Mark
- Cost: \$12 – adults; \$8 - children

Uncle Marty says, "Come Together, 2.017"

Friday, October 27th

October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses and the Protestant Reformation. There is no better way to celebrate than have a party. Come together on Friday, October 27th for games, fun, and conversation—all with a Reformation theme.



Doors open: at 6:30pm

Activities Include: Crafts

- Nail your own theses to an actual door
- How might the church continue to re-form today?
- Choose a favorite Luther Quote and engage in a table talk as to how that quote speaks in the world today.
- Brief Reformation History presentation, presented by Pastor David.

- Find Lutherans on a map – do you know where the most Lutherans live?
- Games that remember some history but mostly are fun. Diet of Worms anyone?
- AND of course food, drink, music, and conversation.

This event is for the whole congregation from the youngest to the oldest and everything in between.

Fall Blood Drive

**Monday, October 16,
11:30am - 7:00pm**

Debbie Kanode

As I begin to write this newsletter article and our blood drive fast approaching, I think of the many people that I know that have benefited from life saving blood. **(Please note change of time).**

Stop for a moment. Can you imagine that you or a loved one waiting for life



saving blood only to be told, "Sorry it's not available now!" Sometimes we like to think it will never happen to us or our loved ones but it can.

Blood drives at St. Philip are a time honored tradition and one that we should be so proud to support in all the many aspects it takes to make our blood drive a success. Please share the information for our upcoming blood drive with as many folks as you can, by word of mouth, and social media.

You can sign up online by going to www.redcrossblood.org. Type in zip code 24019 and choose our blood drive. You will see the open time slots available.

We also need lots of volunteers to help us that day. Our sign up sheet is up and ready for names to work and provide food for the drive too.

Thank you!!!

"It feels good to save a life"

Listen God is Calling

Thank you to all of you for the many ways you serve God's church through the ministry of St. Philip. Truly our calling is about God's work and our hands. If you have been thinking about ways to connect to the ministry at St. Philip and have not been quite sure how to start please consider serving by:

Offering Counter Coordinator

Each Sunday we are blessed by the generosity of the people of St. Philip and each week some quiet servants

make sure that financial offerings are counted and recorded before being deposited in the bank. We need someone to help train and coordinate this group of quiet servants. Speak with Pastor David if you might help with this ministry.

Recycler

We are looking for someone who would twice a month empty our recycling containers and take recyclable materials to the recycling center at Hollins University. Speak with Pastor David if you might want to help care for God's creation this way.

Photographers

This is for everyone. Please, please take pictures of ways mission and ministry is happening through the community of St. Philip. Then share them with Laura our office administrator to be celebrated on our St. Philip website and social media.

Worship Assistants

Ushers, acolytes, power point clickers, sound system operators, readers, communion assistants. This is absolutely a great way to live out your faith on Sunday morning. Speak with Carol Dillman at 8:30am worship and Mary Jo Sahm at 11am worship.

Using God's Resources

We are blessed at St. Philip with great resources! One of which is an Endowment Fund and other investments that allows our congregation to expand ministry in many exciting ways. However, Church Council also wants to thank you for your generosity to ensure that the infrastructure and core ministry of the congregation continues to happen.

Endowment income and investments are not used for the day to day ministry of St. Philip. We continue to need to watch very closely our expenditures as they relate to daily operation. To date, our expenditures for daily ministry

outspend the offerings received from the congregation. That deficit will not be offset by investment income, per our investment policies. St. Philip Council asks that you faithfully give and consider increasing your offering so that we finish the year in a strong financial position.

In 2016, the St. Philip Endowment generated \$15,000 for ministry initiatives through St. Philip. Church Council has approved the following ministries which, again, are made possible by the Endowment Fund:

- \$5000 grant to St. Philip Youth for ELCA Youth Gathering

- \$2000 Seminarian Support – to support our student Matt Leonard
- \$1500 grant to Camp Caroline Furnace – Virginia's Outdoor Lutheran Camp
- \$6500 media upgrade throughout the building

Church Council also approved several upgrades which were made possible by funds from St. Philip's additional investments. These included:

- \$6,250 Color Pinter/Copier
- \$3,390 Automatic Door – to allow easier access for folks with mobility challenges

World Food Day 2017 – Malawi Feeding Centers & Elijah's Backpack

The right to food is a basic human right.



Investing in sustainable food systems and rural development means addressing some of the major global challenges – from feeding the world's growing population to protecting the global climate, and tackling some of the root causes of migration and displacement.

Currently, St. Philip supports 3 Feeding Centers in Mponela Parish in Malawi. The feeding centers serve nutritional meals to 150 orphans and vulnerable children each week during the rainy season (27 weeks). They also provide a mobile health clinic for families. \$3 feeds one child for one week. Each center requires \$450 each week to feed all 150 children. For the full 27 weeks, Mponela Parish needs \$12,150! St. Philip's noisy offerings have raised \$1161 in 2017 – enough to feed all 150 kids for about 2 ½ weeks.



Elijah's Backpack

currently serves 43 kids in north Roanoke County – and more will join the program in the next few weeks. In 2016-2017, Elijah's Backpack packed over 1700 bags of food. More than 50 volunteers logged nearly 5000 hours of service to kids in our community. Elijah's Backpack has also added a new school this year: the Minnick School. We join others across Virginia in a goal to have no child hungry on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, October 31, 2017.



'Tis the Season Once Again...And It's Busy

Judy Burnette

It is an exciting time with our choir. We have a couple of changes taking place with our schedule, as well as, the beginning of Christmas Eve preparations.

First of all, our 8:30 a.m. and 11:00a.m. choirs will sing together for

two services a month. This will give the congregation more opportunities to enjoy their music, as well as, give the choir more time to sing as one choir.

Here is how it will work. On the second Sunday of the month, the combined choir will sing at the 8:30 a.m. service. Then on the 4th Sunday, they will sing together at the 11:00 a.m. service. The rest of the Sundays will have the same schedule that we have had in the past.

Second, we will begin preparing our Christmas Eve music on Wednesday,

October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will spend the first 40 minutes of each choir rehearsal learning the music. As always, we would love for you to be a part of the fun...even if it is just for these few weeks before Christmas. Hope to see you there!



Church Council News

Dan Radmacher

Church council met on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the church library. Church finances were discussed extensively as council prepares to submit a 2018 spending plan for congregational approval in December and as expenses continue to outpace giving this year.

While giving is up from last year, expenses are exceeding receipts by about \$5,500 so far this year as insurance, utilities and other costs continue to rise. It is likely the church will end the year in the red for the third year in a row, which is a troubling trend.

Thanks to the Kinder Bequest and other substantial gifts over the years, St. Philip has a sizeable endowment and long-term investment fund for capital projects, but council has tried to

keep routine spending in line with annual giving.

Council discussed how best to communicate the situation with the congregation, and whether there are ways of responsibly tapping some of the church's investment funds or income to cover ongoing expenses.

This will continue to be discussed next month.

Council voted on a new motion for the 2016 endowment disbursement. The motion presented last month contained an error. According to congregational policy, a portion of investment earnings from the endowment fund is disbursed every year to further the mission of St. Philip.

The disbursement will be as follows: \$5,000 for the upcoming National Youth Gathering, \$6,500 for media upgrades for the church (video conferencing for the library,

televisions and monitors for the youth rooms and fellowship hall and improved wi-fi throughout the building), \$2,000 to support Matt Leonard's seminary studies and \$1,500 for Caroline Furnace.

Council discussed the rollout of the new logo and tagline for the church and received an update about progress on a new website, which should be ready to be unveiled at the end of October.

Sarah Parker will attend a training session in September to serve as head of the congregational Forwarding Faith campaign, St. Philip's contribution to the effort to raise at least \$2.5 million over the next five years to provide an endowment for faith formation activities in the Virginia Synod.

The next council meeting will be Monday, October 16, at 7 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the 16th Annual St. Philip Youth Golf Tournament. You all helped raise nearly \$4700 for youth ministry!
Thank you!!

Youth News

(More details are available in your email and texts)

Youth Group: Both

Middle School and High School Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!

October:

- 1st – Middle School and High School Youth Groups



- 15th – Middle School and High School Youth Groups
- 25th (Wed.; 6:30-9pm) – Flashlight Maze at Layman Farms

November:

- 6th – Rake leaves for members of the congregation
- 12th – Youth-led Worship Service: both services!!
- 17th – 19th (Fri-Sat) – Lost & Found: Youth Retreat for 7th & 8th graders
- 20th – Middle School and High School Youth Groups

- 19th (7pm) – Hollins Community Thanksgiving Worship

Youth Faith Formation:

Middle School and High School Faith Formation is part of Sunday Youth Group. We use lots of different materials: re:form Bible study, videos, conversation, and “burning Jesus questions” (but PK, why would we want to burn Jesus?!).

ADULT Faith Formation

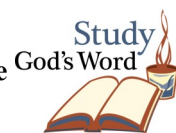


Faith in Real Life
(Sundays, 10am, in the library) Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Matthew 22:37-39)

But how do we do that, exactly? How do we live our faith in daily life? How do we understand the intersection of our faith with our social, political, and religious views? These are the sorts of questions that are central to Faith in Real Life!

All are invited for an open and positive format on Sunday morning as we work to build the bonds of fellowship and connect our faith with the events of everyday life. Please grab a cup of coffee in café and join the discussion.

Monday Morning Bible Study: Monday mornings 9:30am-10:30am. Study of scriptures that follow the Narrative Lectionary readings on Sunday morning. This is a great way for you to come to Sunday morning worship ready to be engaged with the word as the story is told. If you have not been a part of the Bible study crew now is the time to try it out. The crew meets in the church library.



Family Faith Formation

Sunday, October 22, 4-6pm

For St. Philip families, especially those with children age birth – 5th grade.

What will we do at Family Faith Formation?

- Play games!
- Learn a bible story!

- So kids and families can get to know each other better
- And so families can practice sharing bible stories and fun together
- Led by one of the pastors
- Dinner for all at 5:30pm, provided for you by a St. Philipian

The hope of this gathering is to provide regular time for families to

gather in faith, fun and fellowship, much like the youth groups currently gather. There will not be childcare

because kids of all ages are part of this gathering! Hope everyone can join in the fun! Questions? Want to help serve a meal for families? Talk to Pastor Kelly.



Family Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation

[Jesus] called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 18.2-4)

Children's Faith Formation happens in the worship service – where kids participate in the central communal act of god's people, worshipping together! Jesus invites us all to have the faith of a child. Let's learn from the children of St. Philip about how to live like that!

Check out the Kid Central table in the narthex with each week's Children's Bulletin, story books, Spark Family

LET THE CHILDREN COME



booklets, Bible story books, and the kids Busy Bags with crayons, activities, etc. The table is low so kids can get to the materials.

Let the little children come!

Intergenerational Faith Formation

October 8 (10-10:45am), ALL ages will gather between worship services for a short bible story followed by a service project. Just for 45 minutes, 10-10:45am. Just once per month.

In October, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day, we will make goodies for local pet shelters. I encourage everyone to be part of these gatherings! If you'd like to help with these in any way, please speak with Pastor Kelly.



Francis of Assisi

Worship Together

One of the great gifts of Lutheran worship in particular is that the worship experience is one that is shared, led, and involves the whole gathered assembly. We participate together.

There are lots of opportunities for everyone not only to participate generally, but also to be involved in leading the experience.

Everyone is invited to give thanks and praise to God by serving as an acolyte, a lay reader, a communion assistant, an usher, a greeter, a projection clicker, or a sound board operator. All of these leadership roles can be done by anyone and everyone; and everyone can find some way to participate. Please think about how God is calling you to be a leader in worship! If you are not quite sure, speak with Pastor David, Carol Dillman, or Mary Jo Sahm and we will help find a great spot for you.

Thank you

Thank you for all your cards, visits, phone calls, meals, prayers, and well wishes during my recent chemotherapy. I appreciate all the ways the congregation has cared for me over the last several months. Barbara Simpson

Amazon Smile

As the Christmas shopping season comes remember to use Amazon Smile. When you shop AmazonSmile, Amazon will make a donation to St Philip at no cost to you. Use this link or search for St. Philip Lutheran Evangelical Church on the Amazon Smile site. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1087322> (And for you Prime members out there, yes you can still use your Prime Membership when you shop with Amazon Smile.)



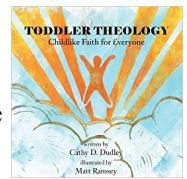
The launch is almost here!

It's time to start the countdown. We at St. Philip are a community that is fueled by the Holy Spirit for mission and ready to take off with possibilities. The power boosters of God's grace and love make a difference in our connections with each other and with the lives we lead in the world. At the end of October, St. Philip church council will be revealing a new tag line that we hope helps to define who we are and where with God's help we will go. Prepare for ignition...

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New Book for Your Family

During worship on Sunday, September 3, Cathy Dudley gave the Children's Message and concluded by giving St. Philip a copy of her book entitled Toddler Theology - Childlike Faith for Everyone. She invites families to borrow the book from the table in the narthex and read it together. May its message of how much Jesus Loves You be a blessing to all! Please see Cathy if you would like a copy for yourself or one to give to a friend.



Prayer Requests

From time to time, please keep the church office informed of changes or deletions to the prayer list.

Scott Buchanan – Member
Calvin Knotts – Member
Judy Diekow – Member
Kathryn Buchanan – Member
Betty Hammond – Member
Seth Reed—Kathryn Buchanan's grandson
Bobbie Sahagun - Michaels' friend
Kitty Nease - Member
JoAnn Michael - Member
Ruth Albertin - Juli Albertin's mother
Rusty Johnson - Dolly Johnson's son
Dolly Johnson - Member
Forest Kanode - Kanodes' grandson
Jamie Hinkle - Kanode's friend
Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister
Glenda Adkinson - Carol Goad's friend



Birthdays

OCTOBER

Sara Aubitz - 7
Matthew Smith – 10
Max Holland - 11
Loretta Roush – 13
Selise Miller - 15
Rebecca Riquelmy - 16
Dave Mellon – 23
Derrick Radtke – 29
Lynn Lawson – 31

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8115 Williamson Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

Change Service Requested

Save the Date!
St. Philip Blood Drive
October 16 , 11:30am to 7PM
It feels good to save a life.

David C. Derrick, Senior Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian
Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool (preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net)

Church Council - 2017-2018

Sue Huntington, Council President; Paul Henkel, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Kari Callanan, Financial Secretary; Linda Rhodes Council Secretary
Members: Nick Muir, Max Holland, Chuck Jecminek, Dan Horine,
Dan Radmacher, Sarah Parker, and Candace Underwood

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
The Reverend James Mauney, Bishop, Virginia Synod

St. Philip Lutheran Church Mission Statement

OPEN TOMB! OPEN HEARTS! OPEN DOORS!

OPEN TOMB! We are people tied to the resurrection of Jesus Christ!
OPEN HEARTS! We are people transformed by this good news, marked with the cross of Christ forever!
OPEN DOORS! We are people called to proclaim good news with words of invitation and welcome!

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