

St. Philip Invitation

“Open Tomb! Open Hearts! Open Doors!” September 2017

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**Regular worship
schedule at 8:30am
and 11:00am resumes
on Sunday,
September 10.**

**Congregational Picnic
Sunday, September 10,
5:00pm**

**Bring your chairs,
blankets, and most
especially your whole
family, for a good old
traditional picnic,
fellowship, and
conversation.**

LET THE CHILDREN COME



Children in Worship at St. Philip

Pastor Kelly

Little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. (Matthew 19.13-15)

St. Philip also invites the little children to come to worship! Starting in September, children will no longer leave worship to attend Faith Formation during the worship service. Children are an important part of the faith community. Jesus welcomed the children with open arms; as those who follow Jesus, we also welcome children with open arms.

Children learn most of what they know about the faith from their families. The faith community is a part of their family, playing an important role in shaping a child's faith. Pastor David and I hear from parents all the time about kids singing songs from worship, baptizing dogs and dolls in the bath, carrying around sticks (like they are the acolyte or crucifer), "leading" the family as the pastor. This is why kids in worship is SO important!!

St. Philipians, you are encouraged to welcome children and families in Sunday morning worship. Invite families to sit near you so that you can support them in teaching the faith. If someone is sitting near you and could use help with their child, or could use the kids bible in your pew, or whatever, let's be the body of Christ together!

To help facilitate this change for families, the short table in the narthex will now be Kid Central. It will have each week's Children's Bulletin, story books, Spark Family booklets, Bible story books, and the kids Busy Bags with crayons, activities, etc. The table is low so kids can get to the materials. Encourage kids and families to check this out!

Let the little children come!

ADULT Faith Formation

Opportunities resume the week of September 10th



Sunday 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)

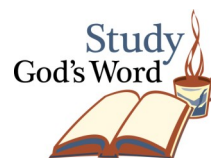
But how do we do that, exactly? How do we live our faith in daily life? How do we understand the intersection of our faith with our social, political, and religious views? These are the sorts of questions that are central to Faith in Real Life!

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 RETURNS!

Sunday, September 24, 4-6pm

For St. Philip families, especially those with children age birth – 5th grade. What will we do at Family Faith Formation?



Family Faith Formation

- Play games!
- Learn a bible story!
- Kids and families can get to know each other better
- Families can practice sharing bible stories and fun together!
- Led by one of the pastors
- Enjoy 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.

NEW Intergenerational Faith Formation

Pastor Kelly

On the Second Sunday of each month, starting **September 10 (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 September, in honor of Grandparents Day, we will make



personalized cards for about 30 residents of Brandon Oaks Nursing Home. 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.

Youth News

(More details are available in your email and texts)

Youth Group: resumes in September: We meet on the First and Third Sundays. Both Middle School and High School Groups meet 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!



September:

- 10th (5-7pm) – Congregational Picnic
- 16th (Sat.; 1pm - ?) – Golf Tournament at Botetourt Golf and Swim Club
- 17th – Middle School & High School Youth Group

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



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?!).

St. Philip Lutheran 16th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 16th, 1pm
at Botetourt Golf and Swim Club

Register by Sept. 4th - \$260 per team/
\$65 per golfer



FORE! Watch out,
this is the big one!!
St. Philip's 16th
annual golf
tournament will be a
great community-
building event, and it

also serves as the primary fundraiser
for our youth ministries. This event has
grown over the past several years, and
our goal is to fill the entire course with

tournament players. If you are not a
golfer, you can still support this event.
Consider sponsoring a hole, asking
your employer to sponsor a hole, or
donating a prize to go to tournament
participants. Again, this is the primary
fundraiser for our youth ministry, so
please participate. Registration forms
and sponsorship information are in the
gathering space (narthex).

Special Thanks from LuCoM (Lutheran Cooperative Ministry in the Roanoke Valley)

This past June, 33 inner-city
youngsters went away for a week to
Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp &
Retreat Center. LuCoM represents nine
Roanoke area congregations that have
continued to support this program for
more than 45 years of sending
disadvantaged children to camp.

Youngsters in the 4th-6th grades
enjoyed outdoor adventures with a
spiritual background. For this
adventure, LuCoM congregations and
community organizations raised funds

along with contributing lunches,
referring campers, donating vans,
driving vans, preparing toiletry kits,
flashlights, sunscreen, insect repellent
and Bibles as well as loaning sleeping
bags.

The LuCoM board would like to thank
ALL of the congregations and
organizations that generously
contributed to make this possible.
Christ Lutheran, College Lutheran,
Glade Creek Lutheran, St. Mark's
Lutheran, St. Philip Lutheran, St.
Timothy Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran,
Wheatland Lutheran, The Church of
St. Peter & St. Paul, Thrivent Financial
Action Teams, The Rescue Mission of

Roanoke, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and
Botetourt County Social Services. This
year, LuCoM congregations raised a
total of \$12,071 from all of the
congregations to make this happen.

LuCoM is actively looking for
representatives from our supporting
congregations to serve as assembly
representatives on the LuCoM
assembly board. If you or someone
that you know may be interested,
please contact your pastor or Garry
Lautenschlager, LuCoM President at
(540)537-7691 or garrylaute@aol.com
for additional information on how you
can get involved. We would love to
have you join us!



Global Mission News

Thanks to the faithful support of our
congregation and community we were
able to send a check for \$5,867.00
from this year's Mission Fest to the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Malawi. The money this year will all
be put toward food security. We also
have collected \$854.72 in noisy
offering in just the first 6 months of
this year. Our St. Philip family is
made up of truly generous people.

We are looking forward to a change in
our fundraising for 2018. Our 2017
Mission Fest fell on a different date

due to the Lenten/Easter season. The
weekend that was chosen just
happened to be a very busy event
weekend in Roanoke and then we were
also blessed (!?) with rain. In spite of
all this we still were able to host a
successful event. We know you all
appreciate what a big undertaking our
Mission Fest turns out to be, soooo,
the GM committee has decided that we
would host two smaller fundraising
events in 2018 – one in the spring and
one in the fall. More information will
be coming after January 1. We are
hoping these two events will be just as
successful and that everyone can find
a place where they can help out.

The Global
Mission
team is also
hoping to
plan
another
Mission

Trip to Malawi late next summer. Our
trips are always faith building as we
strengthen our relationships with our
brothers and sisters in the ELCM. If
you think you might be interested in
joining us or just have questions to ask
please see Pastor Kelly or Kathleen
Radtke.



Celebrate Generosity

The Stewardship Team would like to say a big, “THANK YOU” to everyone who participated in our Celebrate Generosity stewardship emphasis this year. We spent three weeks considering both thanksgivings and the abundance of fruits God has given. Keep remembering our God is a God of abundance whose promises change how we think about our lives.



Practicing stewardship is a faithful way of being on a mission.

If after Consecration Sunday in June you have graciously determined to make a change in your giving, we encourage you to initiate that change immediately. Secondly, if you share your gifts with St. Philip electronically through our automatic draft program,

you will need to make any adjustments either through the GIVE NOW button on the church website (log in to your profile and go to view/edit my scheduled payments) or by contacting Kari Harvey (financial secretary) at karicallanan@gmail.com.

We are so, so grateful that the ministry at St. Philip is growing. Let us keep growing generosity right along with the ministry.

We Worship Together

Pastor David

Galatians: 5:13... “Serve one another in love.”

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.

AND, there are lots of opportunities for everyone not only to participate

generally, but also to be involved in leading the experience.

On **Sunday, September 17**, at **10am** we will be celebrating the opportunity to help lead worship. Everyone is invited to gather between services to learn more about the joy of giving 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, please stick around after 8:30am worship and/or plan to come early for 11:00am worship to find the role that best suits you. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10am.



If you have questions before the 17th, please speak with Pastor David, Carol Dillman, or Mary Jo Sahn.

St. Philip Day of Service Thanks

Many, many, many thanks to everyone who helped with St. Philip's picnic with the residents of Melrose Towers in August!! A special thank you to Linda Duncan Rhodes for coordinating

that ministry. Thank you! Congregations across Virginia and around the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will continue Days of Service in September. Together we are: God's Work. Our Hands.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Elijah's Backpack

Elijah's Backpack is a partnership of many churches, schools, and businesses in north Roanoke County which provides healthy weekend meals to about 60 children in our community whose families are food-insecure. Elijah's



Backpack is coordinated by and from St. Philip.

How Can You help?

- Help pack the food on Thursdays
- 2nd Thursdays are usually open packing days. People can pack in the daytime or evening, whichever is more convenient. We can be flexible on packing times and days.

- See the sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is a great way for kids to help, too!
- Make a financial donation for the purchase of food. Be sure you mark your donation for “Elijah's Backpack”. Perhaps your employer will make a matching donation?!

Thanks always to all of the community partners for their continued support!!

Church Council News

Dan Radmacher

Church council met Tuesday, August 1, in the church library and took action on several items.

Since accepting her call to St. Philip, Pastor Kelly's official title has been Associate Pastor. To better reflect the reality of the co-pastoring team leading St. Philip, council voted to change her title to Pastor. Pastor Kelly's salary will not be affected by this change.

Council has been discussing a change to the "Open Tomb, Open Hearts, Open Doors" mission statement and decided to go with "Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve." Dan Radmacher agreed to work with a graphic artist he knows to develop a logo utilizing the new slogan, which the church will hope to roll out in October, coinciding with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the church "Come

Together" event planned for late October.

In addition, the web site will be revamped and updated, and council discussed ways for the church to better utilize social media as an outreach tool.

Council decided to direct the 2016 endowment disbursement as follows: \$5,000 for the upcoming National Youth Gathering, \$3,500 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. In addition, council committed to spend \$2,000 of the 2017 disbursement for a scholarship for a planned 2018 Malawi trip.

In her pastor's report, Pastor Kelly discussed changes to faith formation this fall. Rather than continuing to hold a separate faith formation class that takes children out of service, the church will be seeking ways to better include children in the service and in the life of the church, along with having a monthly intergenerational faith formation and service event between services.

Pastor David announced that Sarah Parker has agreed to lead the congregational Forwarding Faith campaign, our part of an 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 held Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Sounds of Worship

Judy Burnette

When people think about music instruments used during worship, their thoughts most often turn to the piano and organ. Gradually, acoustic guitars were added as well as drums and tambourines. Church music has continued to evolve using a wide variety of instruments (electric guitars,



drum sets, synthesizers) as well as many styles of music. Churches still use organs and pianos, but many have orchestras or "rock" bands.

At St. Philip, we do not have an orchestra, but we are blessed to have many talented people who share their gifts of music by giving us the opportunity to have a wonderful band. We also have those who play other

instruments to enhance our worship. Recently our service was a "Celebration of Diversity." We sang songs from different countries and used a drum ensemble, tambourine, shakers and claves in the accompaniment to enhance the spirit of the music. This may be new for some, but hopefully these are musical sounds that touch your heart.

Uncle Marty says, "Come Together, 2.017"

Save the date: **Friday, October 27**

In a reprise from our great Beatles themed Come Together event prior to sabbatical, St. Philip is once again planning a big event to bring us together again as church community. October 31, 2017 marks the 500th

anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses and starting the Protestant Reformation. There is no better way to celebrate than to have a party. Come together on Friday, October 27 for games, fun, and conversation—all with a Reformation theme. Uncle Marty says, "Come Together, 2.017"



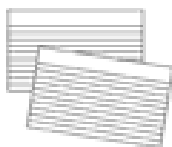


Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.

Tag! You're it!
Keep an eye out for
a new tag line for St.
Philip in the coming
weeks.



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 SEPTEMBER

Harrison Toney - 1
Dan Radmacher - 2
Margaret Mitchell - 2
Nancy Shadix - 3
Steven Leonard - 4
Diane Farmer - 9
Justin Craig - 10
Larry Payne - 11
Linda Rhodes - 14
Simone Gruver - 14
Gene Podell - 14
Betty Hammond - 14
Kathleen Radtke - 14
Selise Miller - 15
Drew Derrick - 18
Bob Farmer - 18
Dave Whetzel - 19
Sarah Mellon - 20
Morgan Reckling - 20
Candice Underwood - 22
Scott Buchanan - 23
Emily Totten - 23
Robyn Fielder - 24
Ella Johnston - 27
Joy Shepp - 27
Ridge Radtke - 28

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St. Philip Lutheran Church
8115 Williamson Road
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Change Service Requested

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

David C. Derrick, Senior Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
Kelly D. Bayer Derrick, Associate Pastor (pastorkelly@stphiliplutheran.net)
Laura J. Latham, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)
Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)
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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