

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE NOVEMBER 2018

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Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9, at 10:00am.

There will be an update as to our search for additional staff at St. Philip. The congregation will vote on the annual spending plan. Prepare for conversation about the different resources God has entrusted to St. Philip and how those resources are used and invested for ministry.

It is important for all of us to be a part of our church's mission and the resources needed to make it happen. Make plans to be present.

Community Thanksgiving Feast at Philips Saturday, November 24, 3:00-5:00 pm

You are invited to help serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to St. Philip's neighbors at Melrose Towers and in the Hollins neighborhood. There are two opportunities to serve.



Dinner will be served to residents of Melrose Towers in their activity room (where St. Philip hosted a picnic and bingo game in September), as well as deliver to-go boxed dinners to residents of the Lansdowne housing project and Blue Ridge Apartments in the Melrose neighborhood.

Dinner will also be served at St. Philip to all those who come together in the Fellowship Hall.

How can you help?

- Volunteer to help before the Feast with food prep, packing to-go boxes, delivering to-go boxes, or transporting folks to and from St Philip
- Volunteer to help set up, clean up, serve the meal, and fellowship with diners, at either location
- Purchase, cook, and cut up a turkey and/or a ham
- Bake a pie or pies
- Make a financial donation to support the Feast (be sure to write "Feast at Philips" on your check)

Feast at Philips is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love and Live Like That: Love. Feed. Serve. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, there will be a volunteer sign-up sheet in the gathering space (narthex) with specific duties listed. If you have questions about offering yourself for this feast, speak with Pastor David or one of the planning team members: Jodi Henrickson, Maggie McDaniel, Shannon Radmacher, and Keith Schult. Thank you for your servant hearts!!

We Give God Thanks

We give God thanks for the diversity of people throughout our community and for the unity we celebrate in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Witness to the gifts of diversity and unity is happening again this year as the churches of the Hollins community gather to give thanks. Participating churches are Enon Baptist, Summerdean Church of the Brethren, St. Philip Lutheran, Northview United Methodist, Hollins Church of the Nazarene, Green Ridge Presbyterian, and First Baptist of Hollins.

Gather to celebrate the goodness that is God's promise in Christ Jesus. Lift up our connection to one another and boldly give thanks and praise to God as we worship and as we live the life of faith in the neighborhood.

The worship service Sunday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. will be held at Summerdean Church of the Brethren (6604 Plantation Rd. in Hollins).



Intern coming in January

St. Philip has been asked and enthusiastically agreed to be an internship learning site for a seminary student starting in January.

The student, Bryan Katz, is studying to serve the church as a deacon (this is a bit different than a pastor of word and sacrament). In the Lutheran church, deacons are called to professional ministry in the church particularly emphasizing service in their calling.

Partnering with Bryan will allow the congregation to love, feed, and serve in even better and bigger ways.

Check out next month's newsletter for a more complete introduction.

"What Would Jesus Eat?"

Have you ever wondered how the food described in Bible stories tasted, looked, smelled?

Explore the possibilities at a potluck luncheon Sunday, November 11th at 12:15pm (immediately following

worship). Enjoy Mediterranean fare and explore scripture that mentions foods that Jesus ate so long ago. (Google Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine might help you come up with ideas for what to bring to the potluck/)

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fellowship, feasting, and learning! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please contact Karen Lowdon or Sarah Melendy to help with this event.



Amazon Smile

Laura Latham

As the Christmas shopping season comes, remember to use Amazon Smile. Through AmazonSmile, Amazon.com will make a donation to St Philip at no cost to you. Use the following link search for St. Philip

Lutheran Evangelical Church on the Amazon Smile site. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1087322>.

For each purchase you make Amazon.com donates a small percentage of the proceeds to St. Philip. Over time, this money can add up to help support the ministry of our

congregation.

And for you Prime members out there, yes you can still use your Prime Membership when you shop with Amazon Smile.



Church Council News – October

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

The search committee and council continue to work through the process of hiring additional staff. The search committee asked council to prioritize the job description as it begins to ramp up the search. Dan Radmacher and

Max Holland have been working to complete the church's Ministry Profile so it can be submitted to the Synod.

Council reviewed the proposed spending plan for 2019. Pastor asked the council members to contact their assigned teams before the next council meeting to get data and numbers needed to complete the proposed spending plan. The congregational meeting will be held on December 9, 2018 to present the spending plan to

the congregation.

Pastor David showed council a welcome video about the church which will be posted on the church website and social media.

The next council meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Intergenerational Faith Formation

Pastor David

On November 11 from 10-10:45am, ALL ages will gather between worship services for a short bible story followed by a service project. Just for 45 minutes. Just once per month. One of the best ways for all of us to grow in

faith is to do it together. Growing relationship with God takes the whole village!

In November, hear how God cares for all of God’s creation. Bobby McFerrin sings Don’t Worry Be Happy. God proclaims “Don’t Worry, God loves without ceasing.” The service project will be creating pine cone and peanut

butter bird feeders.

I encourage everyone to be part of these gatherings! If you'd like to help with these in any way, please speak with Juli Albertin or Pastor David.



Faith In Real Life (FIRL) Adult Faith Formation

Pastor David



Growing in faith is a lifelong endeavor! For adults the dance of integrating faith with life on a daily basis is one of the most wonderful and challenging experiences. At St. Philip

we want to help make those connections with a variety of opportunities each month.

On the third and fourth Sundays, guests from both within the congregation and members of the greater community will join the class to discuss how faith shapes their call in

life. **November** guests are Roanoke City’s vice-mayor, the Honorable Joe Cobb, and Pastor David.

Please plan to connect with FIRL throughout November. All discussions will be in the library.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Pastor David

Monday mornings 9:30am-10:30am.

Just show up on to study the scriptures you will hear the following 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.



Youth Group News

Pastor David

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!!



- 11th – *NEW* Roanoke Valley Youth Gathering at College Lutheran Church 4-6pm.
- 16th – 18th (Fri-Sun) – Lost & Found: Youth Retreat for 7th & 8th graders
- 18th – High School Youth Group Only - Rake leaves for members of the congregation
- 18th (7pm) – Hollins Community Thanksgiving Worship

- 21-22nd – Youth Lockin 7pm til 9am

Youth Faith Formation:

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



November:

- 4th – Middle and School Youth Groups
- 11th – Youth-led Worship Service: both services!!

December:

- 2nd – Middle School and High School Youth Groups
- 16th – Middle School and High School Youth Groups



Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation REFORMED!

Announcing: New opportunities for faith formation with young ones and their families.

For St. Philip and St. Philip preschool families, especially those with children age birth – 5th grade. Starting in January live out partnership in ministry with St. Philip preschool. Gather with families to talk faith, have some fun, and connect with one another so that faith learning might cross every generation. If you have ideas to share, please speak with Pastor David or Danielle Murray (St. Philip Preschool Director).

College Student Care Packages

St. Philip will send a care package to each of our 9 college/seminary students at the end of the fall semester (late November). Let's be sure that they know that just because they are away at school they are still in our thoughts and prayers. The last two Sundays in November you are invited to add your name or a brief note on cards to be included in the care packages.

Parents, your child(ren) will not get a care package if we don't have an accurate current mailing address for them. So please get that info to the office ASAP!

ELCA Good Gifts

The average American plans to spend over \$600 on Christmas gifts this year. Yet many admit that the tradition of gift-giving leaves us with too much stuff and too few meaningful memories. With ELCA Good Gifts, you can find more than 50 life-changing, charitable gifts – such as a pair of goats, school fees or a water well – and give a gift the world truly needs. Each gift can be given in honor of a friend or loved one, and you can send or download a personalized card to let them know about it. Shop at ELCA.org/goodgifts

Roanoke College Acappella Choir and Oriana Singers: Lessons & Carols XXXIV

Sunday, November 25, 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., St. Andrews Catholic Church, 631 N. Jefferson St., Roanoke, VA

For the 34th year, the Roanoke College Acappella Choir and Oriana Singers will present this unofficial opening to the Christmas season in the Roanoke Valley. The choirs will sing arrangements of favorite carols and new compositions and will lead the congregation in the singing of the Advent and Christmas Carols.

St. Andrew's Kelly Wheelbarger will be organist. An offering will be taken to support local charities.



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
- Rev. Bob Ward—St. Philip Friend
- Bobbie Sahagun - Michaels' friend
- Kitty Nease - 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
- Jerry Falk - member



Birthdays

NOVEMBER

- Kathryn Buchanan - 1
- Harry Baden – 2
- Daniel Maki - 2
- Kevin Farmer - 7
- Kaitlyn Duncan - 8
- Alisha Konst – 11
- Paulette Robertson – 17
- Ginnie Karkenny - 18
- Wende Markham – 21
- Carole Eades – 22
- Johnah Gruver - 22

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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
Laura J. Latham, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian
Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool (preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net)

Church Council - 2018-2019

Sue Huntington, Council President; Dan Horine, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Betty Holland, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary

Members: Gary Dudley, Chuck Jecminek, Elizabeth Reiter, Sarah Parker, Kathleen Radtke, Gary Sahn, Justin Craig

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod