

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE DECEMBER 2018

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Winter Weather Policy

When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made on WDBJ7 and WSLN Newschannel 10, the church website, social media, and our robo-call service. Please check these media outlets for cancellation or time change information. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important.

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.

Welcome New Intern, Bryan Katz

Bryan Katz will be joining St. Philip as an intern for the year beginning in January. While born in New Jersey, he grew up in Haymarket, Virginia and went to Virginia Tech where he completed his Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in Civil Engineering. After earning his Master's degree, he returned to Northern Virginia where he lived for five years working as a transportation engineering researcher. During this time, he met his wife Katie. They were married in 2006. Katie is a life-long Lutheran from North Carolina who attended Lenoir-Rhyne College and spent many years at Lutheridge, a summer camp in Arden, NC. Bryan and Katie moved to Blacksburg in 2007 so that Bryan could accept a teaching position in the Civil Engineering Department. They have been members at St. Michael Lutheran Church since. Katie teaches in the School of Nursing at Radford University. Bryan and Katie have two children, Emily (7) and Ethan (5). Bryan serves as an Associate Professor of Practice in Civil Engineering and has received several teaching awards.

Bryan is currently in the process to become a Deacon in the ELCA. In March 2018, Bryan received a positive entrance decision from the Virginia Synod Candidacy Committee. He has completed much of his coursework through the Institute of Lutheran Theology and is also taking courses at Luther Seminary through distance education. For those not familiar with Deacons, the role is only a few years old and is formally known as "Ministers of Word and Service" as opposed to Pastors who are known as "Ministers of Word and Sacrament". There is a lot of flexibility in the types of work performed by Deacons, but the ELCA provides examples of possible roles for Deacons, including administration, campus ministry, chaplaincy, education, evangelism, faith formation, health ministry, music ministry, worship, public policy/advocacy/social justice, spiritual formation, and youth ministry (among others).

Bryan is passionate about thinking of "the church" beyond the physical church building and bringing the church to the community and in online spaces. He believes that Lutheran theology is beautiful and that the gospel needs to be shared with people who might be considering a Christian church home. Through the next year, Bryan and Pastor David will be working together on some innovative faith formation experiences for members at St. Philip in order to reach out to the community and beyond. Bryan looks forward to meeting everyone and being part of the St. Philip community.



Holiday Worship Schedule

Children's Christmas Pageant, Monday, December 24, 5:30pm
Christmas Candlelight Worship, Monday, December 24, 9:00pm
Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 30, ONE worship service 9:30am
(The church office will be closed Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1.)

Advent Fellowship

Sarah Melendy

Enjoy a luscious potluck lunch on December 2, at 12:15 to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Opportunity to make Advent wreaths will be available, as well as other seasonal activities. Miss Sarah will have a special project for kids to help

them protect environment and feed hungry people.

Immediately following lunch, fellowship and wreath making (about 1:30pm) join groups of carolers from St. Philip to spread cheer to homebound members and friends in the community.

The fellowship lunch event in November was an opportunity to share foods of the Mediterranean and Middle East while discussing Bible verses that reference food. St. Philip's new intern Brian Katz greeted members of the congregation. Many thanks to Karen Lowdon, Cindy Fielder, Rick Brosius, and Sarah Melendy for their organization.

Church Council News – November

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, reported we have received \$13,000 more in contributions this year over last year. As of October 31, 2018, we are \$35,515 under budget opposed to being \$7,900 over budget this time last year. This is attributed to the faithful giving of the congregation and placing

Pastor Kelly's prior salary as a placeholder.

Council approved the 2019 Spending Plan which will be presented to the congregation on December 9th at the congregation meeting.

Council unanimously voted to give a gift of \$1,000 to the Virginia Synod for a pilot and workshop program lifting up women in ministry.

Sue Huntington updated council on the Search Committee. Shannon Radmacher and Max Holland have been added to the committee to more

closely reflect the recommendation that a call committee must have six members. They continue to work to complete the Ministry Profile to be submitted to the Virginia Synod. Council discussed ways to advertise for the staffing position and decided to use Indeed.com and Ministry.com.

Our intern Bryan Katz who is studying to be a deacon has a tentative start date of January 14, 2019.

The next council meeting will be December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Preschool News

Danielle Murray

St. Philip Preschool teachers and students are excitedly looking toward the holiday season! Plans are underway to celebrate Christmas together as a preschool family on December 19 at 10:00am with a potluck lunch and 'Time Together' stations. These tables will include opportunity for parents, grandparents and children to connect together by

participating in a myriad of arts and craft as well as cookie decorating and ornament making.

As with all things, the preschool will see change beginning in December. Ms. Sherrie has resigned to explore other opportunities. Ms. Shannon Allen will step in to the 3 year old class beginning December 1. Ms. Rachel begins her maternity leave on December 20, and a new teacher will be hired to fill her roll in the 2 year old

class. Please send your prayers and best wishes to Ms. Sherrie and Ms. Rachael as they move forward to new exciting chapters in their lives.

Preschool will be closed Thursday December 20 through Wednesday January 2 for winter break. Ms. Kelly, Ms. Danielle, and Ms. Shannon look forward to jumping back into ministry with the St. Philip family in 2019!

Feast at Philips – Christmas Day

Thank you to all who helped cook, serve, and clean up for the Thanksgiving Feast at Philips!!

On Christmas Day from 3:00 - 4:00pm, you are invited to serve the community as part of your family Christmas tradition. While St. Philip will continue to feed members of the community in the fellowship hall, the expectation is to offer more to-go boxes than sit down meals.

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 St Philip
- Purchase and cook 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 one of our wonderful opportunities 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 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!!

Intergenerational Faith Formation

Pastor David

December 16 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 December, hear how God speaks to Joseph in dreams. The service project will be creating Christmas stockings for the Roanoke Rescue Mission.

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.

This month join in the congregational meeting on December 9. Intergenerational Faith Formation will be December 16, and guest Lauren

Harris with Roanoke City Social Services will speak to how she lives out her faith in her call in life on December 23.

Please plan to connect with FIRL throughout December. 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 each month, 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!



16th – Middle School and High School Youth Groups
21-22nd – Youth Lock In 7pm til 9am

January:

6th – Middle and School Youth Groups
6th – Confirmation at St. Mark Lutheran 2-4pm: Church History
18th – 20th (Fri-Sun) – Winter Celebration: Youth Retreat for high schoolers

20th – Middle School Youth Group Only

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?!).



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).



Family Faith Formation

Thank you for your generous hearts.

Pastor David

There are countless ways we live together faithfully, and generosity certainly is near the top of the list. I, along with church council, wanted to give thanks as a calendar year comes to a close. Your financial generosity for our mission together at St. Philip is appreciated, essential, and inspiring. Church council projects the year will end with receipts exceeding 2017 receipts by over \$10,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Council also anticipates meeting budget for 2017 as well. Thank you, thank you, thank you. What that means for St. Philip is an opportunity to vision, staff, and plan for an active future without a constant cloud of insufficient funding. We can be bold to Live, Like, †hat.

Your St. Philip council is committed to continue to be faithful with the resources entrusted to this congregation. Please keep being faithful. Please keep being generous. God has wonderful plans in store in the months and years ahead.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Judy Burnette

Philip Brooks, Episcopalian pastor who taught at Yale and well know as an advocate against slavery during the Civil War, was best known for writing the carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” after taking a dangerous horseback trip from Jerusalem to Bethlehem in 1865.

While in Jerusalem, Brooks assisted in the Christmas Eve service at the Church of the Nativity. The five-hour service inspired him. Two years later he used the experiences on his journey and the Christmas Eve service to write, “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” for Sunday School. It immediately became popular, especially with children.

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

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.



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

DECEMBER

Sarah Melendy - 1
Rod Dillman - 2
Genie Brown - 7
Rhonda Wilhelm - 17
Lauren Reckling – 17
Paul Henkel - 17
Jessica Leonard - 19
Dolly Johnson – 21
Malinda Britt – 21
Allen Britt - 22
Tracey Schult
Bob Henderson - 20
Matthew Leonard – 26

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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



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