

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE SEPTEMBER 2019

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. The next deadline is September 15.

Regular worship times at 8:30am and 11:00am will resume on Sunday, September 8.



Announcing Congregational Picnic

Sunday, September 8, 4pm. Bring your chairs, blankets, and most especially your whole family, for a good old traditional picnic. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and the condiments. Please bring a side to share. There will be yard games for kids of all ages, too! This will be a great time for fellowship and fun. Be sure to make plans to attend. If you have an outdoor game such as cornhole, ladder ball, bocce ball, or ring toss you could donate, please speak to Debbie Kanode.

Updates from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Pastor Laura



At St. Philip, we are richly blessed to be a part of wonderful church family, but it's not the only church relationship we have! As a congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are part of both the ELCA and Virginia Synod. All three of these bodies, congregation, synod, and denomination are important expressions of how God calls us to live in Christian community with one another. As part of ongoing ministry as a denomination, the ELCA recently held a Churchwide Assembly in August. The assembly is held every three years and is an opportunity for ELCA members from across the nation to gather for worship, learning, and business.

Below are some highlights from a recent publication from Bishop Humphrey:

1. Re-elected Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to a second term on the first ballot!
2. Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected to a 6-year term as ELCA Secretary
3. Deacons will now enter their call to serve in Word and Service through Ordination
4. Adoption of a new Social Statement "Faith, Sexism and Justice" calling on all of us to repent and respond to the sin of sexism and prejudice woven into the very fabric of our church and society.
5. Celebration of 50 years of ministry with women Pastors; 40 years with women Pastors of color and 10 years of full inclusion with LGBTQIA+ pastors
6. Offered a powerful and needed apology to our siblings of African descent for the sin of racism and voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance and remembrance of the murdered "Emmanuel 9" and committed ourselves to working toward authentic diversity
7. Approved A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment
8. Pledged support for the World Council of Churches "Thursdays in Black" Campaign to raise awareness of the crimes of rape and violence.
9. Offered our support for the work in our church Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) which included a declaration of the ELCA as a "Sanctuary Denomination."

We give thanks to God for our St. Philip family and we also give thanks for our relationship with the larger family of God expressed through the Virginia Synod and the ELCA. If you have any questions about the decisions made at the assembly, I encourage you to have conversation with either Pastor David or myself. We would be happy to have those discussions with you!

Listen God is Calling

Pastor David

As I write this article, we at St. Philip are one full week into ministry that includes Pastor Laura as a part of the staff. One of the surprises just seven days in is the usefulness of continuing to practice patience.

I am so excited about what God might have in store for us next. With that excitement, there is a strong

temptation to burst into a full sprint of doing all the things we feel called to do. Like with any team though, building trust, discovering gifts/talents, getting the right people in the right places, and devising a game plan are essential groundwork that makes success a reality. Thus, the need for patience. Please know that you are an important part of the new things we will be about together. Join me in practicing patience as we do groundwork together.

You can be most helpful by continuing to make suggestions. Think particularly about what will help you to be a better disciple? What will help you grow in faith? Think too about those questions corporately. What builds community at St. Philip for the purpose of sharing the Good News of Christ Jesus? Great mission is on the horizon as we LIVE LIKE THAT: LOVE, FEED, SERVE.

Bringing our Gifts Together

Pastor Laura

Our first few weeks together have been so wonderful! I am so appreciative of the warm welcome you have offered and it feels like we are all just brimming with excitement! We're looking forward to getting to know one another better and learning more about how God is calling us to serve together. As we're getting to know one another, I thought I'd share one of my favorite stories from scripture, the

feeding of the five thousand. This huge crowd has gathered together and the disciples are at odds about how in the world they are feed all these people. With just five loaves and two fish, Jesus makes a way. All are fed and there's even some leftovers!

I love this story for two reasons. First, it shows how important hospitality is to Jesus and who we are as a church. We're not called to turn people away, we're called to invite, welcome, and feed them. (It's a story told in every

gospel account and more than once in some! Must be pretty special!) Secondly, this story is such a wonderful example of how when we each bring our gifts together, God can do more with them than we could ever imagine ourselves. So, as we get to know one another better over the coming days and months, we will undoubtedly share in hospitality, and I look forward to the ways in which God uses each of our unique gifts to feed our community with God's love!

A New Journey

Bryan Katz

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer! Katie, the kids, and I have thoroughly enjoyed time together as a family through travel and at home. Summer always seems to pass by too quickly. Emily has already started 3rd grade and Ethan is starting Kindergarten.

Does it feel like your summer has already ended too? School buses are on the road, children are back at school, and pools will soon close. But, in reality, Summer doesn't technically end until September 23. My internship timeline has resembled the feeling of the end of summer. I was thinking that my season of internship was ending and I would continue in the process to be a Deacon, but God has helped me to realize that He had other plans and

internship will be continuing, but changing.

I have learned so much working with Pastor David as my supervisor and have gained wonderful experiences working with the congregation at St. Philip and the students in campus ministry at Virginia Tech. Over the past several months, I have been trying to listen carefully to God's call. When I originally started the path to become a Deacon, my focus and interests were in trying to use technology to bring new opportunities to the church. After gaining experience in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care, God has helped me realize that I have other gifts for the church and I have felt called to share them. Therefore, after a lot of prayer and discernment, I have decided to go through the process to become a Pastor of Word and

Sacrament in the ELCA. On Friday, August 18, I was "endorsed" as a candidate, which officially continues the steps needed to go into pastoral ministry.

So what does that mean for St. Philip? I will be finishing my internship at St. Philip to focus more on campus ministry and develop the necessary skills to become a Pastor. I have really enjoyed being able to walk with you since January and I promise to not be a stranger. I know that God has great things in mind at St. Philip under the excellent leadership of Pastor David and Pastor Laura. I have been blessed to be a small part of it. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon and the community at St. Philip will continue to be in my prayers.

Which Pastor Does What?

Pastor David

Along with church council, Pastor Laura and Pastor David are still working much of the detail of who does what out.

One piece of pastoral ministry that both pastors want to happen continually and faithfully is the ministry of pastoral care. In moments of celebration and crisis, joy and struggle, strong faith and creeping doubt being present with you to share

God's promise is truly one of the greatest privileges of serving as ordained leadership in the church. Pastor Laura and Pastor David plan to share those privileges equally.

To contact either of your pastors feel free to call the church office (540-366-7046) to talk about anything really. Pastor David and Pastor Laura are also available by way of cell phone numbers (Pastor Laura at 843-992-2506 or Pastor David at 540-309-1563).

Please do note that both pastors' day off is Friday. Of course, do not hesitate to call either pastor on Friday or any time for that matter in the case of pastoral emergency. We both want to be present with you. We both also want to practice sabbath keeping in a way that helps us to lead this amazing congregation in the healthiest ways possible. More is to come for all of us together - along the way God's got us.



Church Council News – August 2019

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report for months ending June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019. The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending July 31, 2019 of

\$17,926.33 and our year to date budget under \$1,224.61.

Council welcomed Pastor Laura Dunklin who was called to serve as Associate Pastor at St Philip Lutheran Church.

Council discussed ways to internally and externally live in God's way both inside and outside the church and ways

to engage the congregation and pastors.

Pastor David reported the Lily Grant for an area wide Youth Minister appears to be on hold. He reported no information or notification has been received from them lately.

The next council meeting is September 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

St. Philip Lutheran 18th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, September 21st, 1pm, Ole Monterey Golf Club Register by Sept. 15th - \$260 per team/\$65 per golfer

St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part of St. Philip's 18th annual golf tournament. The tournament serves as the primary fundraiser for our youth ministries. 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. Registration forms and sponsorship information are in the gathering space (narthex). If you have any questions ask Amanda Horine or Pastor David.



Elijah's Backpack News

Elijah's Backpack is a partnership of many churches, schools, and businesses in north Roanoke County which provides healthy weekend meals to over 70 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. The second Thursdays are usually open packing days. People can pack in the daytime or evening, whichever is more convenient. Packing days can be flexible too. See the sign-up sheet in

the narthex. This is a great way for kids to help as well.

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!!

Blood Drive

Debbie Kanode



**GIVE
Blood**

The October blood drive at St. Philip is fast approaching on Monday, October 14th from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm.

You can sign up to donate blood online now at redcrossblood.org now. Please

feel to pass the word around to friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

The sign up sheets at church will be available soon to donate blood and also to help the day of our blood drive.

This life saving ministry is truly a group effort to make it happen. Each person is valuable in making it a success. Whether you donate blood,

assist donors, working in the kitchen, or donate food, you are important to the success of blood drive.

The coordinating team looks forward to hosting another successful blood drive and truly appreciate everyone's time and talents to make it happen.

Children in Worship at St. Philip

Pastor David

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! 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. We 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

LET THE CHILDREN COME



the kids bible in your pew, or whatever, let's be the body of Christ together!!

The short table in the narthex is 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!

Blessing of the Animals

Bev Stith and Laura Latham

Each October the Church commemorates the life of St. Francis of Assisi. He left a life of privilege for a life of simplicity and poverty. His compassion and care was extended to ALL God's creation, including animals. Many stories about St. Francis say that he had a great love for animals. One legend says he was traveling with companions when they came upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on both sides. Francis stopped to "preach to my sisters, the birds." According to the story the birds surrounded him, drawn to the power of his voice. This legend

is why he is often depicted with a bird in his hand.

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St. Philip hosts a blessing of the animals service on his feast day. In 2019, this special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 2pm near the playground. If you have a special animal – great or small, real or stuffed – you wish to be blessed, please bring that animal or a picture of that animal to St. Philip on October 6 for this opportunity. Be sure also to invite your animal loving friends to join you for the blessing. Paper flyers describing the event are available in the church office for you

to share with our community in whatever places you see fit.

In addition, you are invited to donate animal care items to Angels of Assisi. Most requested items are dog and cat food, dog and cat toys, non-clumping cat litter, gently used or new towels and wash cloths, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Gift cards to Walmart, Sam's, Target, or Kroger are also appreciated. There is a box in the narthex for collection of items before October 6, or you may bring donations to the blessing.



Faith Formation

It's a new learning year, and a time for new learning opportunities in our faith lives. Please check out the happenings below to find the right fit for you and your family. Sunday morning Faith Formation begins September 8. The first youth group meeting will be Sunday, September 15.

Adult Faith Formation

Christian learning is a lifelong endeavor that constantly needs nurture and support. Part of the wonder of the faith is how we are reformed over and over again by the power of the Spirit. At St. Philip we value faith formation and want to provide the best possible opportunities, tools, and experiences for relationship and faith to grow – that's the goal.



This Fall, Pastor Laura will host an adult forum in the Library on Sundays at 10am! We will utilize a curriculum called The Wired Word and engage in current event stories from a faith perspective. We're called to live lives centered on the Gospel in a complex world, come join our discussion as we discuss how Jesus calls us to "Live Like that" in the world!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! In a fast changing culture, we want you to help us design faith formation that is helpful for you right now. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey, be honest (we don't want to put energy into things we think churches generally speaking should have programmatically – we want to put energy into things you will use/

participate). The link to the survey is <https://lauradunklin.typeform.com/to/IQIDLz>.

Monday Morning Bible Study Bible Study

This program will kick off again starting Monday, September 10, 9:30-10:30am. 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.



NEW THIS YEAR: If you would love to join the Monday morning bible study, but can't make it to the church, you are invited to participate from wherever you are using your computer, tablet, or smartphone via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Zoom is free for you to use and requires no download. A link to join the bible study remotely will be posted on the website, Facebook page, and emailed to participants. Speak with one of the pastors if you have interest in connecting this way.

Faith Formation for Children

Starting Sunday, September 8 all children preschool age to 5th grade are invited to hang out with Pastor David at 10am each Sunday morning. There will be some fun getting to know each



other, hearing a bible story, and playing a game or two. Mostly, this will be an opportunity to practice using language of faith. The group will start by meeting in the high school youth room. Make plans to stake out a spot on a couch on Sunday mornings.

Youth Groups

(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!!



September:

- 8 – Church picnic at St. Philip 4pm
- 15 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
- 21 – St. Philip Youth Golf Tournament 11:30 – 7:30pm. Tournament starts at golf course at 1pm.
- 22 – Confirmation Ten Commandments at St. Philip 2-4pm

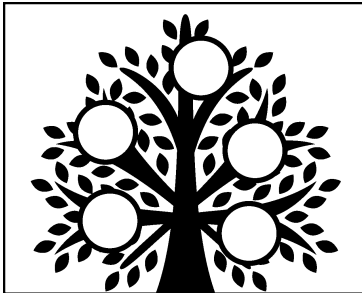
October:

- 6 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
- 20 – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm

A huge thank you to the congregation for your support of youth ministry. As always keep paying attention to emails and text messages for reminders.

Day of Service Thank You

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 and Donna Wright 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.



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



Glory be to God for dappled things —
 For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
 For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
 Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
 Landscape plotted and pieced — fold, fallow, and plough;
 And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
 Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
 With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
 He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
 Praise him.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins



Birthdays

SEPTEMBER



*From Prayer Requests time to 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
 Jerry Falk - member
 Barbara Simpson - Member

Harrison Toney - 1
 Dan Radmacher - 2
 Margaret Mitchell - 2
 Nancy Shadix - 3
 Jack Shepp - 8
 Linda Watson - 13
 Louise Jargowsky - 14
 Linda Rhodes - 14
 Jacob Schult - 15
 Randy Grimm - 18
 Olivia Karkenny - 18
 Dave Whetzel - 19
 Keith Schult - 20
 Judy Brammer - 24
 Zoe Ell - 28
 Tyler Derrick - 30
 Juli Albertin - 30
 Madison Yount - 31

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

Church Council - 2019—2020

Gary Dudley, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Betty Holland, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary
Members: Doug Layman, Shannon Radmacher, Kathleen Radtke, Elizabeth Reiter,
Gary Sahn, Donna Spradlin, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

