

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE NOVEMBER 2019

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

The next deadline is November 15.

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 15, at 10:00am.

There will be an update as to the ministry we share in and through St. Philip.

Additionally, we will be voting on the annual spending plan as well as having some 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.



Attention Thrivent members!

Did you know that as a Thrivent member you have access to \$250 of seed money for community service activities? Called Thrivent Action Teams, this program is a wonderful gift Thrivent shares with our faith community! If you are not sure if you are a member speak to Max Holland

There is an online form to complete that is very easy and only takes a few minutes. The form asks for a name of your event, a short paragraph on who it will benefit and what you intend to purchase. There is also space to request thank you letters and marketing/advertisement resources from Thrivent. Thrivent approves your request and then sends you a packet with the items you have asked for and a \$250 gift card for you to utilize. We do our event, and write back to them about its success. It is really that simple.

As Thrivent members we get to do this twice a year! **It is not too late for you to take advantage of this opportunity to put together a team with some seed money for your project before the end of the year.**

A St. Phillip committee has been established to help set up and use these funds Thrivent shares with us. Maribeth Schermer, mschermer10@gmail.com is the committee leader; Max Holland, maxhollandcu@gmail.com; Jodi Henrickson, jodirose@infionline.net; and Donna Spradlin, dsprad@live.com. Committee members will be happy to assist in any way possible to encourage your development of a Thrivent Action Team.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A
SUCCESSFUL FALL BLOOD DRIVE
YESTERDAY!

THE RED CROSS COLLECTED

**110
UNITS**

THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE!

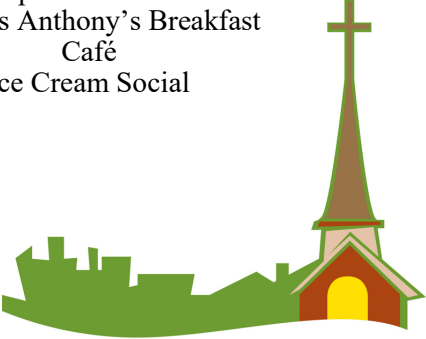
JOIN US AGAIN AT ST. PHILIP ON
MAY 11, 2020 FOR OUR SPRING BLOOD
DRIVE.



Pastoral Responsibilities

Pastor Laura and Pastor David

As partners in ministry, Pastor David and Pastor Laura, share the pastoral responsibilities of the congregation. Each serves as pastoral liaison for various congregational events and ministries. Below is a chart to explain which pastor serves as liaison for which ministry. While one pastor may serve as the “point person” both pastors are involved in all of these responsibilities together. Please familiarize yourself with these new designations as St. Philip lives into this exciting new phase of ministry together.

Pastor David	Pastor Laura
<p>Pastoral Care</p> <p>Congregational Care Ministries Prayer Chain Card Ministry Meals for Recovering Funeral Receptions Prayer Shawl</p> <p>Faith in Action Building Use Blessing of the Animals Blessing of Backpacks Information Folders Preschool</p> <p>Global Mission Ministry Noisy Offering Mission Fest – Dinner Malawi Art Table</p> <p>Stewardship Annual Emphasis Offering Envelopes</p> <p>Worship & Music Home Communion Ministry Altar Guild Lenten Round Robin Digital Worship Worship Assistants Prayer List Special Sundays (Youth Sunday, Come and See Sunday, Anniversary Sunday, Reformation, All Saints) Christmas Eve Worship Praise Band Choir Christmas Caroling</p> <p>Youth Ministry Synod Youth Events Youth Group Fat Tuesday Steak Dinner Golf Tournament ELCA National Youth Gathering</p> <p>Administration Offering Counters Property Coordination Thrivent Action Teams</p>	<p>Pastoral Care</p> <p>Social Justice Ministries Elijah’s Backpack Feast at Philip’s Day of Service Grocery Bag Ministry One Time Events Christmas Shopping for Kids Witnessing Paws Intergenerational Service Project Melrose Towers Minnick Learning Site Souper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>Faith in Action Building Use Blessing of the Animals Blessing of the Backpacks Information Folders Preschool</p> <p>Faith Formation Monday Morning Bible Study Intergenerational Event Book Club Family Email Ministry Family Faith Formation Youth Group Faith in Real Life Children’s Info Table Splash Sponsors</p> <p>Fellowship Church Picnic Advent Wreath Kickoff Easter Egg Hunt Special Events Famous Anthony’s Breakfast Café Ice Cream Social</p> 

Church Council News – October 2019

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Peter Shick, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report for month ending September 30, 2019. The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending September 30, 2019 of \$18,713.81 and our year to date budget under \$5,975.67.

Council continues to explore options for new key access protocol for people using the church.

There will be a celebration of Bryan Katz's ministry to St Philip on November 10, 2019 during both services.

Council continued their discussion on how to reach out beyond the church into the community and the use of social media to show how we as a church "Live, Like That".

Periodically St Philip receives requests from individuals and organizations outside of St Philip for monetary donations. Council is in the process of drafting a guideline to use for this type of request.

Council has started work on the 2020 St Philip Spending Plan. Council

Liaisons have been tasked with meeting with their assigned Team Contact Person and sending a report to CP Staley by November 1st.

St Philip has been asked to host a Cub Scout Pack. Council has requested more information before a decision will be made.

Pastor David and Pastor Laura have created a document listing how ministry at St Philip will be shared between them. This information will be shared in the next newsletter.

The next council meeting is November 12, 2019 in the church library.

Around the Church Facility

Pastor David

The St. Philip community is blessed with a wonderful church building and property that not only serves as host for worship and ministry directly connected to St. Philip, but also serves as a hub for community activity as well. The next time you are in the building note the new non-glare film applied to our southern facing

windows in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Hopefully this will end the need for sunglasses while inside the facility. Let Rod Dillman or Pastor David know what you think.

Also, on the horizon is an effort to help streamline access to the building. In the coming month, council and the property team will be considering re-keying all three exterior entrances as well as developing some protocol as to

key access for people using the building.

Thank you to all the people who care for the St. Philip facility to make it such a central part of the ministry as we connect with people both within the congregation and in the wider Northwest Roanoke community.

Do Not Miss Sunday, November 10 at St. Philip

Pastor David

Be here for worship as the youth of St. Philip lead worship at both worship services. The youth are outstanding leaders in many ways – on Sunday be sure to see some of that leadership first hand.

Also on November 10, the congregation will be recognizing Veterans of the United States military with a prayer and special treats during Café time between services.

Lastly, on November 10 we at St. Philip will give thanks for Intern Bryan Katz and his ministry. After 6 months

serving as intern at St. Philip, God's Spirit is at work in the calling of Bryan Katz. As Bryan explores a call to Word and Sacrament ministry his internship is changing in nature. Bryan's internship has concluded at St. Philip and will take a new shape in another setting. Be sure to sign the card of well wishes as you arrive for worship and greet Bryan during Café hours as well.

LuCom Campership Report

Thank You from the 2019 LuCoM Campership Committee and all of the campers at Camp Caroline Furnace. They had a great time!

Through the hard work and dedication of eight Roanoke area Lutheran congregations the LuCoM Campership Program sent 18 children to Camp

Caroline Furnace with full scholarships. Not only did that, but they also received Bibles, flashlights, water bottles, sunscreen, bug repellants, toiletries, spending money for the camp store, snacks, and a loaned sleeping bag. All of the scholarships and supplies were made available by your generous donations and raffle proceeds.

Special Thanks go out to the following Thrivent Financial, Christ Lutheran, College Lutheran, Glade Creek Lutheran, St. Philip Lutheran, Bob Neal, Martha and Warren Berger, Mitch House, Nan Keenan, David Johnson, Tom Orr, Pastor Dwayne Westerman, Louise Reep, Genie Brown, and Pastor Cynthia Keyser.

Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Pastor David

On Sunday, November 3, 2019 (St. Philip plans to participate on Sunday, November 17), exactly one year before the national election, Christians from a wide range of theological and political views will take action to express their concern about the polarization in our country and affirm the need to apply Christian principles to our political discussions. Congregations that participate in Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics will reflect on Jesus' teaching that we "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and pray for our country.

St. Philip will plan to:

- 1) pray for God's help in healing our country and

- 2) promote the use of the Golden Rule in political discussions and election activities throughout the 2020 campaign season. By doing these two things, congregations will emphasize Christian teachings about dignity, respect and the need for civility in our political discussions. In particular, there will be a focus on the practical application of the Golden Rule and how politics in 2020 could be different if Christians practice Biblical teachings about how to treat people who disagree with them.

As Americans, deep mistrust has diminished a respectful tone in our politics and public life. A large nationwide activity involving Christians from all across the political spectrum will highlight the need to bridge the divisions in our country and call attention to the fact that how we treat those of different political beliefs

is a moral issue. It also encourages Christians and other people of faith to think more seriously about civility and respect as we prepare for the upcoming election season. Together, raising a visible story of this unique event, and fostering a time of prayer, dignity and connection across divides, can make concerns about civility and respect a more central issue in 2020 and help begin the healing that our country so badly needs. Be on the lookout in the coming year as our community at St. Philip seeks to practice "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you" even in the middle of an election season.

If you have questions about the national Golden Rule movement visit: <https://www.revivecivility.org/golden-rule-2020-call-dignity-and-respect-politics-0>

St. Philip Endowment

Pastor David

St. Philip Endowment makes ministry happen. One of the incredible resources St. Philip enjoys is the blessing of an endowment fund. Over the past several years, endowment income has helped to make improvements to our facility, help fund special events and activities like the National Youth Gathering, AND been a source for supporting ministry outside of our congregation. Some examples include generosity with

Camp Caroline Furnace, Habitat for Humanity, Intern Program, Elijah's Backpack, and others. One of the commitments of this congregation is to steward these resources to have an impact in our community. Council as a guideline seeks to use 35% of the income generated from endowment funds for ministry outside the congregation.

To help council make decisions about how to impact people outside St. Philip, council is developing an Application for Mission Endowment

Support with a window of time to submit. The intent is to have a defined process for requests starting in 2021.

Although council likely will not have an official application ready for 2020 (which is very quickly approaching) you are invited to submit in writing suggestions you might have for ways St. Philip might impact our community and neighborhood. Please have those communications to council by December 31, 2019.

Live Like That Campaign

Pastor Laura



As you may know, the congregational mission statement is "Live like Christ, Live like that: Love, Feed, Serve." Inspired

by the awesome love of God, we at St. Philip reach out to share that love with our community. We know that the Spirit is on the move amongst the

people of St. Philip! Calling us all to live like that. To celebrate the work of the Spirit among us, St. Philip is starting a Live Like That campaign.

Joining the campaign is simple. First, find a way to serve your neighbors. Maybe it's bringing a hot meal to someone in need. Maybe it's sitting with a new student at lunch. Maybe it's volunteering at a service event. The possibilities are endless. Once you hear God's call to serve, simply take a picture of a way in which you, or someone you know, was called to live

like Christ in the community. Then, share that picture!

You may post on your social media accounts with the hashtag, #livelikethatSPLC. You may also email them to the church office at officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net. Pastors David and Laura are so excited to start the Live Like That campaign and celebrate for the wonderful variety of ways God calls us to love, feed, and serve our neighbors! Let's see where the Spirit moves!

Digital Worship Experience

Pastor Laura

We at St. Philip are always looking for new avenues through which to proclaim God's love. Technology allows us to explore exciting new ministry opportunities. For several months, St. Philip has been working on developing a new interactive digital

worship experience!

Pastors David and Laura are excited about the ways in which this can be a powerful new ministry platform to tell the story of God's love to the world. The digital worship experience will be launched during Advent, so stay tuned for more details soon!



The Growing Community at St. Philip

Pastor David

As a community of faith active in ministry, we expect to worship with zeal, serve the world with gladness, proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, and grow in faith. We also

expect for our community to grow. Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip we excitedly look forward to Sunday December 8, as we officially receive new members to this congregation.

You are a part of a growing community. Share your faith with

someone you know. Tell someone about the ministry that you are passionate about. Invite someone to worship. God's Spirit is moving through you.

If you are interested in joining the congregation at St. Philip please speak with Pastor Laura or Pastor David.

Community Thanksgiving Feast at Philip's Saturday, November 24th 3:00-5:00 pm

You are invited to help serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to neighbors at Melrose Towers and in the Hollins community. There are two opportunities to serve:

1. The congregation will serve dinner at St. Philip to all those who come together in the Fellowship Hall.
2. St. Philip will also serve the broader community with to-go meals to be delivered throughout the city.

St. Philip has been asked to serve more

meals than ever before, and the Feast at Philip's team is so excited to share God's love with our community in a tangible way!

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 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 Philip's" on your check)



Feast at Philip's is one of many 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 gathering area with specific duties listed. If you have questions, speak with Pastor Laura 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

Pastor David

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.

We gather to celebrate the goodness that is God's promise in Christ Jesus. We lift up our connection to one another and boldly give our thanks and praise to God as we worship and as we

live the life of faith in our neighborhood.



This year, as in years past, the churches of the Hollins Community will worship together. The worship service **Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m.** will be held here at Northview United Methodist Church (521 Ridge Crest Ave. in Hollins).

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!

Monday Morning Bible Study Bible Study

Mondays 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 using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/181894145>

Zoom is free for you to use and requires no download. The link to join the bible study remotely will also 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

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

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!!



November:

3rd – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
10th – Youth led worship 8:30am and 11am
17th – Scavenger Hunt Downtown 4-6pm
22-24th – Lost and Found Middle School Youth Event at Eagle Eyrie

December:

1st – Rake Leaves and Youth Group at St. Philip 4-6pm
15th – Regular youth group at St. Philip 4-6pm
20th – Lock in at St. Philip 7pm – 9am.

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.

Cross-Gen Sundays at St. Philip

Faith formation is important to who we are as church, learning and growing in the faith together, across generations. Pastors David and Laura are so excited to launch Cross-Gen Sundays at St. Philip.



On these Sundays, we as a congregation will gather together during the faith formation hour between the services to have fun and learn about faith together. Everyone is invited!

Mark your calendars for these dates: November 24, January 5, and April 5. The programming of each of these Cross-Gen Sundays will be centered around the upcoming liturgical season, Advent, Epiphany and Easter. Join in for a fun time of cross-generational learning, sharing, and encouraging one another as disciples of Christ.

Grocery Bag Ministry

Did you know St. Philip collects groceries for St. Mark's Lutheran Food Pantry? Staples always needed are canned fruits/veggies, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce & noodles, canned soups, dried beans, canned meats, toilet paper. You may also write a check to St. Mark's Lutheran and leave it on the office desk. St. Mark's will mail you a receipt. Groceries are picked up here at St. Philip on the first Monday of each month. The folks who pick up have said **they are in particular need of toiletries and toilet paper.** Thank you for your generosity.

Amazon Smile

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 link below or 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.

College Student Care Packages

St. Philip will send a care package to each of our 12 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.

'Tis the Season Once Again

Preparation for Christmas Eve music has started at 7:00 p.m on Wednesday evenings during choir practice, but it is not too late to join the fun. The first 40 minutes of each rehearsal will be dedicated learning the music for Christmas Eve. As always, the choir 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!

Book Signing and Give Away

Cathy Dudley

I invite you to share in the joy of my book launch for Faith, Family, & Fun ~ Monthly Lessons to Color and Connect with God's Love . It will be held at Book No Further, 112 Market Street, in downtown Roanoke from 10:30 to 1:30 on Saturday, November 16th. I'll be signing books and giving away sample coloring pages when you enter my FREE book contest.

The book is Fun Family Nights with a focus on Jesus! This delightful book was designed to help families have a better connection with God ~ through faith in Jesus. There's a unique lesson for every month of the year plus two holiday bonuses for Easter and Christmas. The lessons are ready to go with little or no preparation. And the charming caricature illustrations can be reproduced as coloring pages. Each lesson begins with a real-life situation pictured in a caricature drawing.

For more information about my books, see my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CathyDudleyAuthor>.



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
Jerry Falk - member
Barbara Simpson - Member



Birthdays

NOVEMBER

Kathryn Buchanan - 1
Harry Baden – 2
Daniel Maki – 2
Karen Lowdon - 5
Kevin Farmer - 7
Kaitlyn Duncan – 8
Gary Sahn – 9
Jack Parker - 11
Alisha Konst – 11
Paulette Robertson – 17
Ginnie Karkenny - 18
Wende Markham – 21
Johnah Gruver - 22

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Change Service Requested

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

Church Council - 2019—2020

Gary Sahn, 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,
Donna Spradlin, Dan Horine, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

