

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE NOVEMBER 2022

FAITH FORMATION

Children are invited to a time of faith formation to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion! This could be in preparation for your



child's first communion or they may already be communing and this is a great opportunity to learn more about this important part of the Christian faith. Communion faith formation

will happen during the faith formation hour on Sundays, after the 9:30 worship service. Classes will meet on December 4 and December 11 and on January 8, we will celebrate their milestone in worship! Please see Pastor Laura with any questions or interest!



What is All Saints' Sunday? It's a special worship service in which we celebrate the gift of all the saints who have gone before us. It's a somber time to reflect on

those dear ones we miss so much and a celebration of the unity we share in Christ - in life and in death! As part of that worship service, we will read the names of those loved ones who have died in the past year. If you have names of saint(s) to add to this reading, please list them on the sign-up in the gathering area or email to officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net.

Leave a Legacy to Love Feed and Serve

"At the end of life, you *are going to be charitable - planned giving helps us be charitable to the people and things we love*" - Sr. Marianne Brock, ELCA Foundation

We are grateful for Sr. Marianne Brock's presence with us last month. There is information in the gathering area from the ELCA Foundation to help start conversation about leaving a legacy for ministry in estate planning. There is also an opportunity to have a one on one conversation to help with questions. Please speak with either pastor to make those connections!

St. Philip is a vital, mission oriented, discipleship centered community. We want to invite you to help ensure that resources are always available to continue living out God's love made known in Christ in the world. Do not hesitate to ask questions in the weeks ahead.

Congregational Meeting Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 10:45am, held simultaneously in the sanctuary as well as via Zoom video conference. To access the meeting, go to www.zoom.com and enter meeting i.d. 860 4019 9836. The passcode is 24019. You do not need a computer or internet to join! Just call into the meeting from your landline or cell phone at 301-715-8592. At the prompt, use the meeting i.d. and passcode above.

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. It is important for all of us to be a part of our church's mission and the resources needed to make it happen. Please make plans to be present, either in person or virtually.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040199836?pwd=ZVpoN2NyeFFWTDR2WmNWeWR2SVJkdz09>



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, 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. After a two year hiatus due to pandemic concerns, the churches of the Hollins Community will worship together. The worship service **Sunday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.** will be held at Enon Baptist Church (7971 Williamson Rd. just down the street from St. Philip).

Council News---October 2022

Karen Lowdon

Council met on Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm in person and via Zoom.

Pastor Laura reported on another successful blood drive with 56 units collected. Digital ministry via Facebook requires a lot of planning and Instagram is also being used.

Faith formation groups for adults and children are taking place after Sunday worship.

Blessing of the Animals was held indoors because of the weather. Socktober collection of socks for the Rescue Mission and other places is underway. Trunk or treat will be held October 30 from 2-4 pm. Feast at Phillips will be held at the Community Solutions Center on Saturday November 26. Jenna Wade will be baptized on November 13.

Pastor David reported Marianne Brock from the ELCA foundation was here and preacher last Sunday and left information material on planned giving. Work and conversation will continue to

take place around youth ministry. The youth golf tournament was successful and raised funds for youth ministry. Some new people coming to church speak warmly of the hospitality they experience.

Council will be participating in a retreat on October 23rd led by Pastor John Wertz. Church council asks for the congregation's prayers as we will be visioning and brainstorming ways to continue to respond to God's call to Live, Like.

Treasurer's Report by Peter Shick shows receipts in September of \$26,249, YTD receipts were \$204,364 or \$23,809 below budget. September expenses were \$24,909, YTD expenses were \$222,394 or \$5779 below budget. The surplus for September is \$1,339, YTD through September deficit is \$18,030. There were no unusual expenses in September.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the ministry spending plan for 2023 will be Sunday December 11 (see announcement on page 1) .

The next council meeting will be November 8.

Feast at Philips is near! Feast at Philips is a longtime community meal hosted by St. Philip the Saturday following Thanksgiving. It's a wonderful time to connect with neighbors and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

This year, the Feast will be Saturday, November 26th! After several years of only to-go meals due to Covid, we're excited to once again have in-person dining, as well as serving to-go meals.

This year, the feast will be held at the Community Solutions Center on Melrose Avenue.

This location will enable us to serve many meals from the commercial kitchen and welcome guests in their dining room. **Your help is needed for the Feast!** You may sign up to make turkeys, hams, pies, or donate funds to the event. You may sign up *here* or contact Pastor Laura with any questions or interest.

Bible Study: Human Trafficking

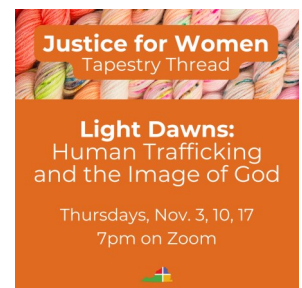
Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick; Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod and Lisa Kersey; Executive Director, Freekind

*Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.*

(ELW 726; Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953)

God has made all of humanity in God's holy image - we are ALL beloved. Our primary identity is *Child of God*. Human trafficking and exploitation are linked to our identity and to the sexual brokenness of our world. Too often, God's children can become vulnerable to being exploited by others who will gladly "fill in the blanks" on **who** we are, **what** we are good for, and **whose** we are (their property).

You are invited to join Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick (Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod) and Lisa Kersey (Executive Director of **Freekind**) on Thursdays in November (3, 10, 17) from 7:00 pm-8:15 pm as together we engage God's Word to shine the light of truth on the sin and evil of human trafficking and on the hope, dignity, and inherent worth found in our identity as God's beloved. [Register Here](#)



St Philip Youth Golf Tournament a Success

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in any way in this year's St. Philip Youth Golf Tournament. We enjoyed one of the largest groups of golfers ever with 40 golfers heading out to the course on a magnificent Saturday. This event is the primary fundraiser for youth ministry at St. Philip and enables youth retreats, events, and activities to happen without using regular church offerings. The tournament this year raised over \$3000! Youth need safe spaces to live and grow - St. Philip is one of those spaces. Again thank you to sponsors, volunteers, golfers, and most especially to the God of abundance for a great day of experiencing grace upon grace.

St. Philip Endowment Grants for Ministry

We are blessed. The St. Philip Endowment Fund is an incredible resource for ministry. During the past decade disbursements from this fund have made possible so much ranging from benevolent contributions to partners locally, nationally, and globally, to seed money for new ministries like our digital worship, to capital improvements, and much more.

The St. Philip Endowment Team now through the end of the year is receiving Endowment Grant Applications to consider for disbursements in the year 2023. The Endowment Team is asking that everyone, both ministries originating among the St. Philip community and ministries from our neighbors, to complete an application. Find the application here <https://stphiliplutheran.breezechms.com/form/fa8edb> or upon request from the church office. We are blessed.



Thank you to everyone who made Trunk or Treat such a fun event! Lots of excitement and candy was shared and many children enjoyed a safe evening of Halloween fun! Thank you to all of our coordinators and volunteers for all of your hard work!

There will be a Ladies' Christmas Luncheon in the St. Philip Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 7 at 12:30pm! Come and enjoy a wonderful catered lunch and great fellowship in this festive season. Ladies are invited to bring a wrapped Dollar Store item for a fun gift game and a non-perishable food item to donate. Please RSVP by November 27 to either Pastor Laura, Debbie Kanode, or Linda Duncan Rhodes.

Ladies LUNCHEON

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It's That Time of Year . . . Judy Burnette

It's that time of year when bells are ringing and choirs are singing. We do not have bells to ring, but we certainly have a choir that is singing. If you enjoy singing, especially songs celebrating the birth of Jesus, please come and join our choir as we prepare for Christmas Eve. Our rehearsals are held in the choir room on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with the first 30 - 40 minutes dedicated to Christmas Eve music. We hope to see you there.



Thank you to everyone who donated socks to the Socktober Drive! These hundreds of pairs of socks will be delivered

to Roanoke organizations to ensure our neighbors have warm socks this winter. Thank you for helping to love, feed, and serve!

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, December 4th, at 11 am Thrivent and St. Philip will sponsor an informational meeting on Medicare and Social Security changes. Mr. Shannon Able will be leading the meeting and a light lunch will be served.

RSVP to the church office 540.366.7046 or sign up sheet in the Narthex. Need more information, call Nancy Shadix at 540.366.3897.



Scott Buchanan – Member
Kathryn Buchanan – Member
Betty Hammond – Member
Bev Horvath—Member
Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister
Barbara Simpson - Member
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter
Sara Aubitz - Member
Margaret Mitchell—Member
Sonja Jecminek—Member



Renee Hiller	November 3
Karen Lowdon	November 5
Kevin Farmer	November 7
Gary Sahn	November 9
Rick Brosius	November 9
Jack Parker	November 11
Pat Hunt	November 14
Catherine Markham	November 21
Cedric Wilson	November 21
C.P. Staley	November 23

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Church Council

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Paul Economy, Council Vice-President;
Peter Shick, Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
Members: Patti Henkel, Daniel Hickox-Young, Bruce Johnson,
Doug Layman, Donna Spradlin, Donna Wright

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod



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