

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JUNE 2024



## New to St. Philip

Together we are on a mission to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve. We are called together by God's Holy Spirit to be about God's work in the world. And we are grateful for that same Spirit who has called some newer disciples to add to our collective response to God's grace. Please welcome, include, engage with, and introduce yourself to:



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

### Ashley, Jacob, Caiden, Emmett, and

**Vivien Luedtke:** Jacob and Ashley Luedtke live in Troutville, VA. They have 3 children, Caiden 6, Emmett 4, and Vivien 10mo. Jake is a Gulfstream G650 pilot at Flexjet. Jacob and Ashley are also part owners of their family run business Fables and Feathers winery in Goodview, VA

## Youth Choir Comes to Northview United Methodist

Join us at Northview United Methodist Church 521 Ridgecrest Drive Roanoke, VA on Friday June 7 at 7:00 p.m. "God's Light" is a youth choir from Smyrna First United Methodist Church in Georgia. Their director Kim Duggins describes their tour as follows. "This summer, is a Mystery Tour, the students do not know the destinations on the tour, they board the bus only knowing they will be sharing the message of God's love and grace through music. Our student leadership team chose, "Found in Faith," with Luke 19:10 as the scriptural base for their theme."

An offering to benefit the ministry of Kids Soar will be taken up during the performance. The Rev. Doug Sasser from Northview United Methodist and The Rev. Don Thrasher from Windsor Hills will provide prayers.



## Thank You for Your Intent Cards!

The Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all our St. Philippian brothers and sisters that helped to make our annual financial appeal a success this year. We are very grateful for and inspired by the faithful response of so many in our congregation. At the time this article is being written, 51 written intent cards have been submitted. We suspect we may get a few more over the next couple weeks. God's grace abounds! Out of all the families and individuals that regularly contribute each year to the General Fund of St. Philip, nearly 75% have made a written, intentional commitment! And of the Intent Cards we have received so far, about 1/3 have indicated they are increasing their giving this year!

By sharing this information, we hope to uplift and inspire all our fellow members. When making sometimes difficult or challenging decisions about giving, it's good to know that you are not alone and that support for our ministries is broad and deep. We have members who are not able to contribute financially on a regular basis but demonstrate faithful generosity and support for our ministries through volunteering, prayer, and their presence with us at worship. Each of these members are valued as a vital and beloved member of this body no matter what or how much they give!

We opened with a thank you to our brothers and sisters. We would like to close with a grateful "Thank You" to God's Holy Spirit that continues to guide and strengthen us. All good things come from God, and the "culture of gratitude" that flows in and through our community is another example of God's grace. IMPORTANT NOTE: For those who give electronically; if you made a change to your giving amount this year, please note that you will need to make that change to your draft amount with your bank or with Vanco. And, if you haven't already, please do so by June 1. Thanks!

## Council News -- MAY 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday May 14 in person.

New members Liz Leonard, Dan Radmacher and Mary Jo Sahn were introduced and welcomed to Council. Elected for the coming year are Ellen Mehalic, President, Dan Radmacher, Vice-President, Max Holland, Treasurer and Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary. Thanks to Paul Economy and Ellen Mehalic for serving as President and Vice-President this past year.

We reviewed working agreements so that all members have an understanding of how the council can effectively and consistently function to carry out God's mission at St Philip.

The Congregation Event Task Force conducted a congregational survey and are reviewing those results. One item on our agenda is a Patriotic Picnic that is scheduled for Saturday June 29 from 5:30-7:30pm and will be hosted by the church council.

We discussed needs for cleanup and landscaping and will work on a list that can be available to anyone with time so they could come by the church and complete even a small project.

Custodian Service was reviewed and there were two proposals presented. Discussion about the topic resulted in a decision to go with one of these and there will be additional information soon.

The Solar Project Team presented a report that will be shared with the congregation within the next few months.

Treasurer's Report by Max Holland

April receipts were \$27,918 and expenses were \$28,301. It has been a strong four months this year with steady giving..



## Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member  
Betty Hammond –Member  
Bev Horvath—Member  
Sara Aubitz - Member  
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter  
Margaret Mitchell—Member



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Bronce Monroe	June 3
Marty Frazier	June 5
Wendy Johnston	June 5
Judith Diekow	June 17
Sharon Price	June 20
Kelly Derrick	June 26
Don Hunt	June 27
Charlie Shadix	June 28
Paul Roush	June 29



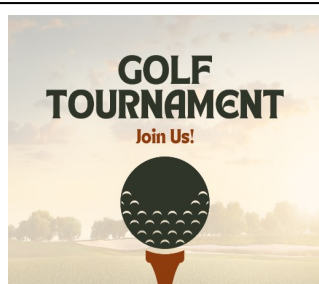
## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth Group 23<sup>rd</sup> annual captain's choice golf tournament.

Blue Hills Golf Club

**Saturday, September 28, 2024.**

Please mark your calendar to save this date for a day on the golf course and a day to support the ministry of faithful youth (We will let you know if we need to make adjustments but save this date).



Thank you to everyone who made our May blood drive such a success! We collected 66 units of blood, surpassing our goal of 59. Those units will help save up to 198 lives. Thank you for your support and prayers for this wonderful life-saving ministry!





# Strong Connections

## Report from the Virginia Synod Assembly April 27, 2024

Over 300 Lutherans around the Virginia Synod gathered online via Zoom for the 2024 Virginia Synod Assembly. The Assembly theme was Strong Connections, We, too - the many - are different parts that form one body in the Anointed One [Christ]. Each one of us is joined with one another, and we become together what we could not be alone. - The Voice Translation (Romans 12:5).

### Elections

The Assembly elected leaders to serve on the Synod Council, the Consultation Committee, as voting members at the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, and to serve on the ELCA Church Council (one will be elected during the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to serve). A full list of who was elected is available at [vasynod.org/2024-virginia-synod-assembly](https://vasynod.org/2024-virginia-synod-assembly).

### Worship

The Assembly opened with a Land Acknowledgement and worship service. **Pastor Dave Fox**, Gloria Dei, Hampton, served as the preacher for worship and focused on the Assembly theme, 'Strong Connections.'

### Assembly Business

The Assembly approved the 2025 Investment in Ministry Plan and the Compensation Guidelines for 2025. Bishop Milton and the Synod Officers shared their reports. The Assembly approved a resolution submitted to encourage care for creation. The resolution submitted on privileged associate membership was withdrawn by the author of the resolution.

**Suzanna Carr** (First English, Richmond) presented a report from **Asher Porter** (Our Savior, Christiansburg), president of the Lutheran Youth Organization. The report shared the impact of the youth ministry of the Virginia Synod providing updates on Synod events.

The Virginia Synod Office of the Bishop gives thanks for those who shared their time and gifts to lead and to participate in the 2024 Virginia Synod Assembly.

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

St. Philip is excited to partner with other Lutheran congregations in the Roanoke Valley to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering this July in New Orleans, LA. It's going to be a fantastic week of fun, faith, and extraordinary experiences! The theme for this year's gathering is "Created to Be." Please join us in praying for our youth and adult advisors, that they would have an awesome experience learning about the God who created them! Stay tuned for more information about what the youth will be up to!



## PATRIOTIC PICNIC

Mark your calendars and save the date for Saturday, June 29 from 5:30-7:30! We will be having a Patriotic Picnic at the church to celebrate summer and fellowship together! Church council will prepare the meat and the congregation is invited to bring sides and dessert - with red, white and blue flair if you'd like! We're looking forward to a fun evening of fellowship!



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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Pastor** ([pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net))  
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**Alice H. Lebow, Office Administrator** ([officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net))  
**Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries** ([music@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:music@stphiliplutheran.net))

#### **Church Council**

Ellen Mehalic, Council President; Dan Radmacher, Council Vice-President;  
Max Holland Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;  
Members: Mary Jo Sahm, Liz Leonard, Bruce Johnson,  
Dedi Spradlin, Marty Frazier, Paul Economy

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

