

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JULY 2024



## Witnessing Paws Ministry- SAVE THE DATE

This year we will be celebrating the 10- year anniversary of our Witnessing Paws Ministry!

Please save this date: Sunday **9/22/2024**

We are excited to celebrate the positive community impact of our ministry by inviting all licensed Pet Therapy Teams who came to our venue for their evaluations to join our congregation by

1. Attending our 9:30 Worship Service
  - Opportunity for Pet Therapy Team Official installations as AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST
  - Several Pews will be designated to accommodate the Pet Therapy Teams
2. After worship join us at 10:45 am in our Fellowship Hall
  - Pawsitively yummy Food
  - Treats for humans and animals
  - Hear Pet Therapy impact stories
  - Meet and Greet Pet Therapy teams

Please COME and SEE how we live out the Pet Therapy team vision to serve Christ at our church and in our community.

Peace,  
Sybille Nelson



## Solar Power at St. Philip

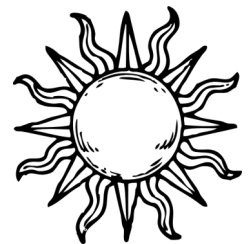
Over the past 6 months an exploratory Solar Energy Task Group has been investigating the possibility of installing solar panels at St. Philip and producing electricity via the power of the sun. At June's church council meeting, the St. Philip council decided to recommend this possibility to the congregation.

Please mark your calendars for a congregational meeting on July 14 around 10:30am immediately following the morning worship service. You are also invited to join this meeting virtually via Zoom video conference.

Please check your email or USPS mailbox for information about this project and meeting including a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) and potential plans for funding.

There are two questions we'll be asking you to vote on during the July 14 meeting:

- Should St. Philip install solar?
- If so, should we pay for that from the established capital fund, or should we borrow the money?
- Council's recommendation is a unanimous yes to the first question and a firm consensus to pay with capital funds rather than borrow.



## 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).



## Council News -- June 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday June 11 in person and via Zoom.

The Solar Energy Task Force will be presenting its findings to the congregation and a congregational meeting is scheduled for July 14 to review.

The Patriotic Picnic sponsored by the Church Council will be Saturday June 29 from 5:30-7:30pm.

Amanda Cook began as our new custodian June 7.

We are still getting evaluations on our current HVAC system.

Stewardship--

Out of all the families and individuals that regularly contribute each year to the General Fund at St. Philip, nearly 75% have made a written, intentional commitment.

Pastor David is on vacation July 3-13.

Pastor Laura is on vacation June 10-16.

Treasurer's Report

It was a challenging month with very low receipts and high expenses. Even after a \$30k withdrawal from Davenport, the account is only down \$5k because of investment growth.

May receipts were \$ 17,117

May expenses were \$ 32,069



## Prayer Requests

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



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Derrick	July 05
Debbie Kanode	July 05
Jennifer Schult	July 05
Larry Pauley	July 06
Louise Jargowsky	July 14
Scott Price	July 15
Jacob Schult	July 15
Eugene Yeakley	July 15
Cynda Johnson	July 16
Samuel Deel	July 18
Randy Grimm	July 18
Marjorie Nickum	July 19
Keith Schult	July 20
Kate Harvey	July 22
Judy Brammer	July 24
Diane Muir	July 24
Juli Albertin-Johnson	July 30
Tyler Derrick	July 30
Hannah Staley	July 31

## A Word of Thanks

I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful cards, words of sympathy, and comfort at the time of my brother's sudden passing. Each and every one was very much appreciated.

*Judy Burnette*



## SUMMER SINGING

When you come to worship during the summer and see our empty choir loft, please know the Choir will take a few Sundays off. They will still sing two Sundays each month and then return to their regular schedule in September. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and faithful group of people.



## PAINT NIGHT

Mark your calendars for a fun evening event in the St Philip fellowship hall! On July 26 the Crazy Paint Lady will guide us in painting a humming bird. This will be a fun time for fellowship - no artist skill required! The cost is \$25/person. Invite a friend or two to come with you!



## UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

- On July 29, St. Philip will host a blood drive 12-6pm.
- Please sign up to donate at [www.redcross.org/give](http://www.redcross.org/give).
- Every donation can help save up to three lives!

Thank you to our volunteers and donors who serve the community in this way!



## YOUTH GATHERING

Please keep the Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth in your prayers this month as they travel to New Orleans for the 2024 National Youth Gathering July 16-20. The theme is Created to Be and we're so thrilled to spend the week worshipping, learning, and having fun! We'll be sharing about the experience on the St Philip FB page, so stay tuned for updates!



## RESCUE MISSION DONATIONS

We are collecting different items every month to support the Roanoke Rescue Mission and their efforts to serve people who are homeless in the Roanoke valley.

You can bring those donations and place them in the basket in the gathering space. If you have questions please contact Cathy Dudley (540-397-3982) or Gary Dudley (540-397-3984).



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Change Service Requested

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**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 Sahn, Liz Leonard, Bruce Johnson,  
Dedi Spradlin, Marty Frazier, Paul Economy

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

