

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE FEBRUARY 2025



Anniversary and Solar Power Dedication Sunday



Sunday, February 23rd

Our Church's Anniversary

On February 23, 1958, a charter was signed beginning the life of Saint Philip Lutheran Church. On Sunday, February 23, we will celebrate in worship our 67th congregational anniversary. The community of St. Philip has a great history of service, growing faith, and creative ministry and we celebrate all of those things even as we look with hope to a Spirit-led future.

Not only will we celebrate an anniversary on the 23rd we will also be celebrating the Care of Creation and the Dedication of St. Philip's new solar panels and solar energy. What a great combination. Remembering our past AND celebrating our future! Check out worship on the 23rd at 9:30am and be present for us to celebrate together.

The Growing Community at St. Philip

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. Knowing that God is moving in and through St. Philip we excitedly look forward to **Sunday February 16th**, as we officially receive new members to this congregation during worship at 9:30am.

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. Share on social media your faith and your faith community. God's Spirit is moving through you.

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

Welcome
New Members

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 9

As you prepare to purchase snacks for the Super Bowl, you are invited to provide food and funds for our hungry neighbors. Americans spend about \$1 billion on Super Bowl snacks. As Super Bowl parties go on, we at St. Philip hope to donate **\$500 and 800 grocery items** to Feeding America Food Bank and the St. Marks Lion's Share food pantry, respectively. You may mail checks to the church or give on our website, just select "Souper Bowl Sunday" when giving. We are accepting food donations at the church the week of February 2 in the bin on the front steps of the church or bring donations to worship on Sunday, February 9. Together we can help end hunger right here in Roanoke!



Council News -- January 2025 Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday January 14 in person and via Zoom.

The Solar Energy installation is complete and the worship dedication will be on Sunday February 23.

Pastoral care continues in a variety of ways with hospital and home-bound visits, in person visits, telephone calls, text messages, hand written notes and emails.

Property needs are being evaluated and a Property Team is being organized with Dedi Spradlin as chair.

Our staffing model and future congregational needs are being reviewed.

Council approved recommendations from the Endowment Team for the following disbursements:

\$5000 for Elijah's Backpack
\$5000 for Lion's Share Feeding Ministry through St Mark Lutheran
\$2000 for Seminary Scholarship Program
\$2000 seed money for new collaborative ministry initiatives

Max Holland, Treasurer

December receipts \$36,161 (includes several annual receipts)

December expenses \$17,508

There were no unusual expenses this month. There have been investment gains as well as some staffing changes which affected monthly expenses so overall 2024 has been a good year.

Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member
Betty Hammond –Member
Sara Aubitz - Member
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's grand-daughter



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Fritz Lovelace	February 1
Mark Willis	February 2
Clara Johnston	February 3
Anna Kate Swanson	February 3
Doug Layman	February 4
Kari Harvey	February 10
Al Simpson	February 11
Bradley Craig	February 12
Amy Lovelace	February 12
Judy Burnette	February 24
Sharon Whetzel	February 27
Joann Michael	February 28

Can You Share the Gift of Time to Love, to Serve?

Would you like to brighten someone's day, to lift the spirits of someone experiencing health issues, to offer an expression of comfort to those who have lost a loved one? If you have a little time to share, consider joining our Social Ministry Team responsible for St. Philip's Card Ministry. Team members adopt a calendar month to mail out birthday cards to our members and other cards as needs arise. It's a very personal and fulfilling way to share the Love of Christ!

Would you consider sharing some of your time to count Sunday offerings? Two people partner as a "counting team." Each team spends about 30-45 minutes following the service to complete a Weekly Offering Report of monies received. The procedure is easy to learn. Each team counts approximately one Sunday each month. A goal is to recruit one or two more teams to serve this ministry. Would you consider becoming a Counter, a great way to donate a little of your time to serve and contribute to the functioning of St. Philip?

If either of these opportunities appeal to you as a way you might serve your church, please talk to either Pastor David or Cindy Fielder. **You are needed!**



Youth News

Roanoke Valley Youth will enjoy some fun and fellowship with a bowling outing on Sunday, February 18 from 4-6pm.

And just around the corner is the Virginia Synod youth retreat for 5th and 6th grade youth called 7th Day. The overnight retreat is happening at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center and is happening March 1-2. Be sure to get registrations in as soon as possible for this great time of fun and faith.



Winter Weather Policy

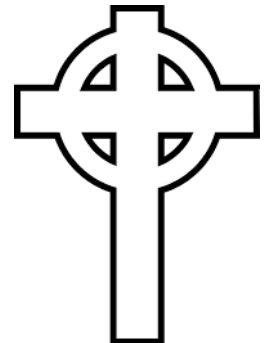
It's that time of year again. When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made using our telephone messaging service and posted on Facebook. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important to us. Please also remember that we have live streaming worship every Sunday on St. Philip's Facebook page even when travel conditions are poor.



Chrismon Construction Linda Duncan Rhodes

Help Wanted, You are Needed

As we were decorating the Christmas tree this year we found many of our Chrismon ornaments are in need of repair or replacement. If you would like to help with a project to repair or make some new Chrismon ornaments please join me in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 18th at 10:30 am to go through the ornaments we have and make plans to repair and replace. Supplies are being ordered and I have purchased one book with patterns and directions but if anyone has experience and patterns we need you. I have no experience making Chrismons but am willing to learn, so come and we will learn together.



RESCUE MISSION DONATIONS:

The immediate New Year donations needed by the Roanoke Rescue Mission are : **Bath towels, wash cloths, and pillows.**



CHILI COOK OFF FUN - Sunday, Feb. 2 from 3-5pm come and have some fun with a chili cook off. Bring your favorite chili recipe or even your favorite chili side thing (who might be the cornbread expert) and come to enjoy some time together as a community. Email Keith Schult with any questions keith7023@gmail.com. Sign up to participate [Chili Cook Off Sign Up](#).



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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)
Jody Draper, Custodian

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

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

