

# St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 2025

## Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship 2025

Every Lent, several Lutheran churches in the Roanoke Valley gather together for worship and fellowship on Wednesday evenings. We are looking forward to this great tradition again this year. Each week we will consider the ways We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God's manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. Based on the hymn "Beneath the cross of Jesus" (ELW 338), this series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness. As people of faith we always celebrate the promise of Easter morning even as we always hold that resurrection hope in tension with the powerful sacrifice of crucifixion and the cross.

We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus' death on the cross—the place to which the season of Lent leads us—is the reason we never mourn as those without hope.

Make plans to come to for a simple soup supper at 6pm followed by worship at 7pm.

March 12 - 7pm -  
*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand*  
Glade Creek Lutheran Church  
Rev. Terry Edwards Preaching

March 19 - 7pm -  
*The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land*  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. James Davis Preaching

March 26 - 7pm -  
*A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way*  
St. Philip Lutheran Church  
Rev. John McCandlish Preaching

April 2 - 7pm - *From my contrite heart, with tears*  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Rev. David Derrick Preaching

April 9 - 7pm -  
*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place*  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Seminarian Caroline Wilson  
Preaching



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## ASH WEDNESDAY



March 5, 7pm

In Person and Facebook Live

### Music Makes the Heart Sing

As the St. Philip Director of Music retires, we again express deep gratitude for Judy Burnette who so generously shared her musical gifts to inspire our worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you!!

Many of you have asked so what will we do? The St. Philip church council hopes to identify someone who might serve as worship leader and choir director as an interim (with a defined time commitment). Then it would be the hope of the church council to spend some time figuring out how to staff more long term considering how integral and important music is for our mission and ministry together. We of course would welcome your input!

The St. Philip council has multiple calls out trying to network and connect with possibilities for an interim but would very much appreciate any connections or suggestions the congregation might be able to make.

Please pray for God's Spirit to help us be connected to folks who can help us sing our hearts out :)

## Council News -- February 2025

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Solar Panel installation by SunDay Solar has been completed and will be dedicated (Dedication took place on February 23rd).

Pastoral Care takes shape in a variety of ways including: hospital visits, homebound visits, home visits, in person visits, telephone calls, text messages, hand written notes, and emails.

Chair Dedi Spradlin is coordinating development of a Property Team.

Dan Radmacher assisted with the church website update.

Pastor David is accompanying our youth to Virginia Synod Youth Retreat for 5th and 6th graders March 1-2 (Pastor Meredith Williams, chaplain from Brandon Oaks will be preacher and worship leader)

Pastor David is on vacation March 9-14 (Pastor Meredith Williams, chaplain from Brandon Oaks will be preacher and worship leader)

On February 16 there was a reception to celebrate the dedicated service of St. Philip Director of Music Judy Burnette.

Custodian Amanda Cook resigned from her duties for cleaning at St. Philip effective immediately. A search is underway to find a replacement.

### Treasurer's Report

January receipts \$23,004

January expenses \$20,555

This was a good month with receipts greater than expenses and no unforeseen large expenses.



Reece Derrick	March 1
Elizabeth Leonard	March 5
Claire Wilson	March 6
Gary Waldron	March 10
Polly Kanode	March 12
Dorothy Finger	March 15
Lynn Erwin	March 17
Ryan Mehalic	March 18
Miles Parker	March 19
Layla Parker	March 24
Kristian Schult	March 25
Will Saeger	March 26
Sarah Parker	March 29

## Nominating Committee for Church Council

Each April the community at St. Philip elects leaders to serve as a part of the church council. Church council serves the congregation as the primary decision making body for our community. A nominating committee has been formed to help identify some potential people to serve in this incredibly important role. Serving on the nominating committee are: Bruce Johnson, Marty Frazier, Gary Sahm, and Pastor David. If you would like to be nominated or would like the committee to consider a gifted member of this community speak with any of these individuals.



## Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member  
Betty Hammond –Member  
Sara Aubitz - Member



## **CHRISMON CONSTRUCTION: HELP WANTED YOU ARE NEEDED**

- Our Chrismon Project Continues . . .Our gathering on Tuesday, February 18th was fun and successful as we began our work on repairing our Chrismon ornaments. However; there is still work to be done. If you would like to help with this project please join me in the classroom across from the kitchen on Tuesday, March 18th at 10:30 am. No experience necessary. I have no experience making Chrismons but am learning so come and we will learn together. Linda Duncan Rhodes

## Witnessing Paws

Witnessing Paws Ministry continues to share the love!!!

On Saturday, 2/1/2025, six canine teams were evaluated at our church and ALL of them passed their evaluation!!! It is a blessing to help these teams succeed.

We continue to receive much needed volunteer support to help facilitate these evaluations. From our membership base, Judy Burnette, Dedi Spradlin, Cindy Fielder, Linda Rhodes, Shannon Radmacher, and Mark Nelson readily signed up to help. Mrs. Nina Templeton with her dog, Summer, Mr. Al Simpson, Mr. Tom Oneto, Mr. Paul Henegar, and Mrs. Ellen Harvey came to lend their support from our greater community to help us achieve our mission!

Some inspirations from our recent teams:

Chris with Nash " We are honored and excited to spread as much peace, love, and healing as possible to those in need"

Kim with Daisy "The ability to connect with individuals and help them process and heal from difficult experiences"

Wendy with Brenda "Being able to bring a smile or a few moments of peace to someone having a difficult day is a gift that my dog and I can bring."

Please reach out to me if you want to learn more about Witnessing Paws!

Sybille Nelson

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

**CARD MINISTRY** -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!

**OFFERING COUNTING TEAM** -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!***



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Change Service Requested

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

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

