

# St. Philip Information and News (SPIN)

September 4, 2019

## Church News

**Beginning Sunday, September 8 we will return to a two-service schedule on Sundays, with the early service at 8am and the late service beginning at 10:30am. Sunday School and Adult Education will start September 8 as well.**

### Upcoming Services

**Saturday, September 7 & Sunday, September 8**—Pastor Randy and Pastor Brad will begin a 5-week sermon series based on the book *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton.

**Sunday, September 15**—We will commission the SPELC teachers as well as our Sunday School and Wednesday night volunteers.

### Sermon Series on “Half Truths”

Most of us as Christians have things we believe, count on, and sometimes tell others. But many times we use quotes and pithy sayings that we believe are in the Bible. And sometimes we find out, they are not. It is important to examine these particular “half truths” because they can sometimes hurt others. In fact, they can lead people to make conclusions about God that are not true. Or even worse, turn people away from faith. More than that, we hope that by examining these beliefs, we will deepen our faith and help show others the greater truths we find in Jesus Christ. Please join us for these exciting five weeks!

**September 8** – “Everything Happens for a Reason”

**September 15** – “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

**September 22** – “God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle”

**September 29** - “God Said It, I Believe It, and That Settles It”

**October 6** – “Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”

Our resource book is *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say* by Adam Hamilton.

### Honor and Shame Study

Every culture and society in this world has an “**operating system**”, much like our computers. And for many cultures – especially in the Mideast and the Far East – the main operating system – that is, how they interface with one another – comes from an honor/shame context.

In cultural anthropology, there are three distinct cultures:

- **Guilt/Innocence**
- **Honor/Shame**
- **Fear/Retribution**

What makes the three different is how behavior is governed with respect to government laws, business rules, or social etiquette. This type of classification has been applied to the emotions they use to control individuals (especially children) and maintaining social order, swaying them into obedience and conformity.

In a guilt/innocence society, control is maintained by creating and continually reinforcing the feeling of guilt (and the expectation of punishment now or in the afterlife) for

certain condemned behaviors. In an honor/shame society, the means of control is the inculcation of shame and the complementary threat of ostracism. In a fear society, control is kept by the fear of retribution.

One can divide most of the cultures of the world through these three lens. **And since the Bible was written in the Mideast – in an honor/shame society – we need to understand this context if we are to read the Bible accurately.** In fact, some of the passages that may have seemed odd or even difficult before may have new light cast upon them through our study.

Please join Pastor Randy on **Sunday September 8** as he shares his insights on honor-shame, using some resources that he was received in his Mideast travel and studies. **We will meet in MC4&5 from 9:15 – 10:15am.** Handouts will be provided.

### **A Gentle Reminder**

With Labor Day behind us, and cooler days ahead of us (soon?), it's time for us to turn our attention to the activities that make fall such a wonderful time of year. This includes activities at St. Philip. Right now we are about \$23,000 behind our giving budget for the year. If everyone could take a look at their giving and catch up if needed, we could guarantee that all budgeted activities at the church will take place as scheduled. You will be receiving a giving summary early in October, so please review it, take action if needed, then go rake some leaves!

### **Altar Flowers**

***Flowers for this weekend have been given by Kristen & Mark Celusniak in celebration of their 15 anniversary.***

Check the 2019 Flower Chart over by the coffee cart and select your dates. The cost is \$25. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service on Sunday. Please return the vase to the church when finished.

### **Let's Unwrap the Bible - Women's Bible Study**

We'll begin our year on **Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30am** in the Fireside Room at church. We'll study the *Book of James* by John MacArthur (blue cover), available online or at Mardel's. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We focus on relating scripture to our present-day lives. All women of the church are welcome to participate. Contact: Chris at 303.973.3096.

### **Grateful Threads Quilters**

This is a new group that will be meeting at St. Philip Church. Our quilts are made under the guidelines of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and are given to Veterans that have been in combat or affected by war. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month at the church from 9am to 1pm, beginning **September 13**. We are looking for people that are interested in contributing their time and talents. For more info contact Kathy Gillett at 303.359.7383 or Kathy Verreyen at 303.902.6850.

### **Ken Caryl Concerts—Latin Serenade**

Join us for an evening that will sizzle with sounds from Spain and Latin America. *Latin Serenade* will take place on **Saturday, September 28 at 7:30pm**. Admission is free, the performance is family-friendly, and there will be refreshments afterwards. Performers include classical guitarist, Lorian Bartle; cello and piano duo, Ethan Lazarus & Carl Algermissen; tango dancers; and more! Any free-will donations given will benefit Stepping Stone Communities.

### **Hooked on Books**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 9:30am

Where: Fireside Room at church

We will begin meeting on **Monday, October 7** to discuss the book *The First Lady* by James Patterson. We read a variety of books from mystery to historical fiction and beyond! Join us if you're interested. Contact: Chris at 303.973.3096.

### **2019 Oktoberfest**

Save the date! On **October 11** we will be having an Oktoberfest event. More information coming soon!

## **Children & Family Ministries**

### **Sunday Story Explorers**

Sunday School has a new format! **Beginning September 8 at 9:30am** children ages 3 to 6th grade will have the opportunity to participate in an inquiry-based, child-driven education program based on the concept of Godly play. 4th-6th graders have the option of taking a Bible course led by Sandra Murphy during this time frame as well. We will have music and coffee cart snacks in the Fellowship Hall to start things off, and then we will move into the room off the Fellowship Hall for story and creative time. This Sunday we begin with the story of Noah's Ark. Come join us on this new adventure!

### **New This Year! Wednesday Night "Sunday School"**

We still need a name, but this exciting new program will be offered on the second Wednesday of the month this fall (**Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11**). Families are invited to dinner at 6pm followed by age-specific classes for every stage from little ones to 6th grade!. More information is coming soon!

## **Church Needs/Fundraising**

### **Children's Colorado Blood Drive Coming**

Mark your calendar's for **Friday morning, October 18** for our Children's Colorado Mobile Blood Drive. We are currently less than 56 days out, so hold off on any donations between now and October 18. Sign-up link will be coming soon. Questions? Contact Bill and Susan Shepard.

### **Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry—September Donations**

This month we are asking for peanut butter, cereal, pasta sauce, and personal care items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, *single or double* packs of toothbrushes, etc. **We are also once again in need of egg cartons.** Please place these items in the bins by the office. Thank you!

## **Events/Activities**

### **Creating a Thriving Family**

All parents (grandparents too!) are welcome to this fun and interactive workshop on **Friday, September 13 from 6:30-8:30pm and Sunday, September 14 from 9am-noon** at Ascension Lutheran Church (1701 W. Caley Ave., Littleton). We will explore two critical areas of home life that are key to creating a healthy and thriving family—marriage relationship and parenting strategy. The cost is \$25 per couple and child-

care is available. For more information and sign up, please visit [www.onefamilyhwil.org/event/creating-a-thriving-family-alc](http://www.onefamilyhwil.org/event/creating-a-thriving-family-alc).

### **Border Immersion Event**

Join Pastor Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman of Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, El Paso, TX, in a mini border immersion event at Atonement Lutheran Church in Lakewood. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 14 from 2-5:30pm**. There will be a meal following with a free will donation.

Pastor Rose Mary will also be preaching at Atonement on Sunday, September 15 at the 8am and 10:45am services, and will speak at our Adult Forum.

Those wishing to attend please RSVP to their church office at 303.985.1122 by **Sunday, September 8**.

### **Square Dancing**

Looking for a new activity? Looking to meet new people? Looking for the “new square dance” and not what you did in school? Come for a **FREE** chili supper and introduction **September 12** at 6:30pm at Stepping Stone Support (9032 W Ken Caryl Ave.). Please call for questions or to RSVP: Lyle and Kathy Gillett - 303.973.2946 or 303.359.7383. Please RSVP by **September 9** to attend.

### **Augustana Arts**

Augustana Arts is pleased to bring the United States Air Force Academy's Stellar Brass ensemble for a **FREE** performance on **Friday, September 20 at 7:30pm** at Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave. Denver). The Stellar Brass combines percussion instruments with a traditional brass quintet offering original and innovative music that represents a broad range of eclectic musical styles. This year the concert will feature guest organist from Augustana Lutheran Church, Cindy Lindeen-Martin. Join us for an evening concert that salutes the men and women who serve our country. To reserve your free tickets, visit [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org). Tickets will also be available at the door.

### **Theater & Theology**

Our next two plays are scheduled a week apart. The first one on **October 8** is *A Doll's House*, written by Henrik Ibsen. This is the heart-wrenching story of Nora who is struggling with her role in life in 1870's Norway. The second play on **October 15** is *A Doll's House Part 2* written by Lucas Hnath. In Part 2, a Tony-nominated sequel, Nora unexpectedly returns to her family after being gone for 15 years.

The sign-up deadline for both plays is **Sunday, September 15**. You will find sign-up sheets in the narthex. Each play is \$35 per person. Note on your check's memo line that the check is for Theater and Theology. Arrive at the Ricketson Theater by 6:15pm to receive your ticket in the lobby from a St. Philip representative. The plays will be followed by a question-and-answer session led by Pastor Bollman. Questions, call 720.231.5189 or email Nancy Oelz at [nancyoelz@gmail.com](mailto:nancyoelz@gmail.com).

### **Taste of Pakistan Benefiting Women's Development Association**

Please join the Women's Development Association for a savory Pakistani lunch - Taste of Pakistan! The luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, October 8 from 11:30am-1:30pm** at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church.

WDA board members Kristen Johnson, Hannah Griffiths, and Jeffrey Kesten, MD re-

cently returned from Lahore, Pakistan, where they witnessed the life-changing work of the WDA. During their visit, they also provided basic medical services for women and children, and saw the health and education challenges faced by Pakistan's poorest. Their story will fill you with wonder at what God is doing through WDA.

Save the date for this extraordinary opportunity to: Savor delicious Pakistani food, shop the Pakistan boutique and other vendors, pamper yourself with a gorgeous henna design, participate in the silent auction, support our vital mission.

Tickets are \$40 per person available through our website at [www.womensdevelopmentassociation.com](http://www.womensdevelopmentassociation.com), or you can mail a check to our office. Please include with the check the names of people attending. Our address is 3955 E. Exposition Ave, Suite 100, Denver CO 80209.

This event allows us to send important funds to Pakistan, allowing us to continue our mission which is "to encourage, train and support women and children in developing nations in literacy, basic math, health education, and economic empowerment."

We hope to see you on October 8!

## **Stewardship 101**

### **Stewardship of our Intelligence and Gifts**

*Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning. –Proverbs 9:9*

This month millions of children, youth, and adults are back in the classroom for another year of education. At K-12 schools, trade academies, colleges, and universities they're training their brains for higher thinking, deepening their knowledge and learning new skills.

These students are not merely drawing on their God-given intelligence and potential, they're actually developing them. What great stewardship of life gifts!

What about the rest of us, we who have ended our formal education? The sad truth is that many of us stop actively learning new things. It's unfortunate, too, because the amazing brains and bodies God has given us have virtually unlimited capacity for learning, growing and developing.

No, we all can't be a Stephen Hawking, Meryl Streep or Michael Jordan, but we can always sharpen our brainpower, express ourselves in the arts and develop our motor skills. In the process, we enrich and expand our lives, and that can lead to greater fulfillment, confidence and opportunity to grow into the fullness that God designs for us. Here are some ideas:

**Read.** Whether it's biographies, who-done-its, sci-fi, poetry, literature or history, reading not only teaches us things, but it also exercises our brainpower. Start with a commitment to read a book (or two) a month.

**Take a class.** Many community centers, churches, libraries and senior citizen centers offer enrichment classes on a variety of topics. Learn photography, or conversational Spanish, or quilting. Go deeper: Your local community college may let you "audit" a class for an affordable fee.

**Listen or watch.** Delve into subjects that interest you by listening to podcasts or watching YouTube videos. Some colleges offer entire lecture series free via podcast or video.

**Attend a lecture.** Authors, poets, politicians, scientists and entertainers often give public talks at colleges, town halls and other venues.

**Write a poem.** Or paint a picture, or take a photograph, or pick up a musical instrument. The arts provide a wonderful outlet for our creative selves.

As we watch our children, youth and adults go back to school, let's join them in a commitment to developing the intelligence, skills and abilities that God has given us. It's good stewardship of our lives.

<b>Preparing for Worship - September 7 &amp; 8</b>
<b>First Reading: Psalm 142</b>
<b>Second Reading: Deuteronomy 30:19-20a</b>

### Worship Servants

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**Pianist – Becky Miller**

**Cantor – Quinn Silco**

**Usher – Paul Stortz**

**A/V – Steve Rower**

<b>Worship Servants for Sunday, September 8, 2019</b>		
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	George Rasmussen	Anne Krause
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Youngren	Karen Donaho
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kameron Barthels	Anna Carlson, Abby Carlson
<b>Communion Deacons</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Gaylen Rapp, John Schutt, Denton West, Dave Daubers	Andy Osborne, Rod Mauler, Tyler Henson, Ron Ramey
<b>Sacrament Servants</b>	Carole Kessler, Lynn Mossbrucker	Nancy Schell
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Lynn Nourse, Vicki Slusser	Char Nauman, Lorren Ballard
<b>A-V Sound &amp; Slides</b>	Steve Rower	John Wall
<b>Coffee Cart</b>	Carolyn Rapp & Volunteers	
<b>KeyKeepers</b>	<b>Sat. (9/7):</b> John Breed	<b>Week beg. 9/8:</b> Sue Riecks

## Calendar of Events This Week (September 4 - 15, 2019)

<p><b>Wednesday, September 4</b>  1:45p – SPELC Staff Meeting (Narthex)  6:00p – Confirmation  6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group  7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 10</b>  9:00a – League of Women Voters (MC-3)  1:30p – SPLC Staff Meeting (MC-1)  2:30p – Worship Planning Meeting (MC-1)  2:30p – Prayer Team  6:30p – Book Club (FS)  6:30p – Boy Scouts  7:00p – Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 5</b>  7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing)  7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 11</b>  9:30a – Fellowship in the Word (MC-1)  9:30a – Women’s Bible Study (FS)  6:00p – Confirmation  6:00p – Sr. High Youth Group</p>
<p><b>Friday, September 6</b>  <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i>  No activities scheduled</p>	<p><b>Thursday, September 12</b>  7:00a – Men’s Breakfast (IHOP Bowles Crossing)  7:00p – Choir Rehearsal (CR)  7:00p – Overeaters Anonymous (MC-3)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, September 7</b>  9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3)  10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)  <b>5:30p – Worship</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, September 13</b>  <i>Church office open 8am-noon</i>  9:00a – Grateful Thread Quilters (FH-2)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 8</b>  <b>8:00a – Worship</b>  9:00a – Coffee Fellowship  9:15a – Adult Education Class (MC-4/5)  9:30a – Sunday School (FH, FH-1a/b)  <b>10:30a – Worship</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, September 14</b>  9:00a – ACA/Serenity’s Child (MC-3)  9:00a – CHCA Meeting (MC-1)  9:30a – Jerry Jantz Memorial Service  10:30a – Al-Anon/Columbine AFG (MC-3)  11:30a – Al-Anon Business Meeting (MC-3)  <b>5:30p – Worship</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, September 9</b>  4:00p – A.S.K. Leaders Council (FS)  5:00p – A.S.K. Bible Study (FH, Kitchen, YR, MC-1)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 15</b>  <b>8:00a – Worship</b>  9:00a – Coffee Fellowship  9:15a – Adult Education Class (MC-4/5)  9:30a – Sunday School (FH, FH-1a/b)  <b>10:30a – Worship</b></p>

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# Our Prayer List

## Members:

The family & friends of Jerry Jantz, Brian Counterman, Melissa Kohn,  
Sherry Anderson, Nancy Bott, Art & Elvira Barber

## Family Members:

Fawn Kemp (Larry Kemp's daughter)  
Lauren Person (Mary Person's daughter)  
Dr. Thomas & Neva Flatley (Tom Flatley's parents)  
Caroline Carroll (Arne & Harriet Truman's daughter)  
Ryan Ermold (Joanne Ermold's son)  
Erika Kuenne (Carl & Rita Kuenne's daughter)



## Friends:

Joline Slinger (Stevermer)  
Michelle (Anderson)  
John, Leslie, Paul, Steve, Anne, Pam, & Gabby (Pazalos)  
Melody Beaver (Stevermer)  
Aidan, Ashley, & Linda (Anderson)

**Prayers for all those affected by Hurricane Dorian and those still in its path.**

**Prayers for our prayer partner congregations, Abiding Hope and Christ Lutheran.**

**Prayers of support and encouragement for Aaron and Anna Silco as they continue their seminary studies while completing their missionary work in Thailand.**

**Prayers for Garang Manyok Giet as he continues his seminary studies at African International University.**

**Prayers of support and love for our companion synods and friends in Madagascar, and our Madagascar missionary Kirsten Laderach.**

**Prayers of remembrance and love for all our homebound members.**

**Prayers for all servicemen and women deployed around the world, especially those with ties to St. Philip. Prayers for healing and comfort for those suffering with physical and mental injuries.**

*If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at 303.979.4491, or send an email to [Angela Seep at aseep@stphilip-co.org](mailto:aseep@stphilip-co.org). Prayer requests will run for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*