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The Friend

October 2014

Come as you are to Worship, Wonder, and Work in Jesus' name!

Daring to Say "Enough!"
by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem

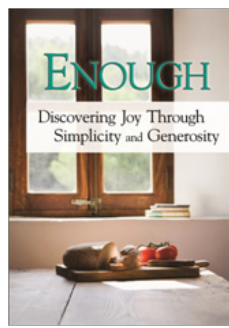
One thing you will never hear from a television ad, a billboard, a sponsored Facebook post, or any other form of advertisement is this question: Don't you think you have enough? We are saturated in a culture of more, a culture of never enough. Have last year's fashions? You need more clothes. Have an old iPhone? You need the new one. Have a car with only fourteen cupholders? You need a car with fifteen.

This quest for more has a deep spiritual aspect to it. If we buy into a culture of more (pun intended) and allow ourselves to think that we don't have enough and can never have enough, then we call God's generosity into question. Yet if we are willing to step back and say, "Enough," we open ourselves to a deeper and more meaningful life that focuses on our relationships with God and one another while put our material possessions and money into proper perspective.

Adam Hamilton writes, "As human beings, we were created with the need to be generous. When we are not generous in giving of what we have, we have not only a financial problem but also a spiritual problem [and] over time we become self-absorbed, money-consumed, joyless people." And since joylessness is not a goal for us, St. Philip's

will engage this very idea that we can discover joy through simplicity and generosity.

In worship from October 11/12 through November 1/2, we will pay attention to God's generosity, hear about how our overreliance on our stuff leads to big problems, and how we are changed through being generous. Hamilton continues, "Generosity changes us, filling us with joy and filling our lives with blessings." (Copies of Adam Hamilton's wonderful book *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity* will be available for purchase at the church.)



During these weeks, you will hear how God is at work through St. Philip's. You will see why it is so crucial for the ministries of St. Philip's to continue and to expand. And you will have the chance to make your generous commitment to the life and ministry of St. Philip's.

Joy. Simplicity. Generosity. Faithfulness. May these be the marks of our congregation! ♦

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“To become a church where our daily lives clearly reflect our Christian faith.”

~ Passionate Spirituality Goal for St. Philip's

A Note From A Healthy Church Team Member

In the September issue of The Friend, Pastor Joel highlighted the five goals that our team developed to help us increase the Passionate Spirituality of St. Philip's. Our emphasis this fall will be to focus on these goals. Pastor Joel's sermon on August 24th made me think of my life as a Christian. His sermon was based on Jesus' question to the disciples, "Who do you say I am?" This sermon led to many interesting and thought provoking ideas that caused me to do some squirming. He said "Look closely at your assigned measure of faith. Take your everyday life and place it in front of God and let him bring out the best in you. We, as Christians, should seek to become spiritually mature, but in order to attain spiritual maturity, we must become more uncomfortable because our Christian lives are not necessarily meant to be comfortable." In other words, it meant to me, get out of your comfort zone and do what God intends you to do.

And then along came "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. Uffda! Was I, at my age, able to do anything anymore as far as physically helping in any way? I was riding the fence again and clutching at my comfort zone. Then, I was asked to help at Stepping Stone to be a leader on the paint crew that would be painting some rooms for them. Can I even see well enough to cut a line along the ceiling, tape a baseboard, let alone lead a group of eager painters? But Myron Nash was going to be there, jumping around like a bunny, and he's as old as I am. I decided that God wanted and expected me to do it and so I agreed. I am so fortunate that I said yes because I witnessed God's presence in our group as we painted, shared laughs, made and served a meal to the homeless, replaced ceiling tile and accomplished some of God's work. There were seven other activities that St. Philip's members worked on that Sunday as well. I am so proud to be a member of St. Philip's. We are a caring community of Christians, blessed with many talents and resources. I know on Sept. 7th, with God's help, we were able to work on goals #3 (To become a church where our daily lives clearly reflect our Christian faith) and #5 (To become a church that embraces and engages the changing neighborhood and community).

In First Corinthians, Paul states that we are to give of our time, talent, substance and influence as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. If we are joint heirs with Jesus, we have God's promise that if we love him with all our heart, mind, strength, and love our neighbors, then that will be enough.

~ Neal Anderson

Passionate Spirituality

1. To become a church that is inspired and enthusiastic about Bible study.
2. To become a church where people openly and comfortably talk about their faith with one another.
3. To become a church where our daily lives clearly reflect our Christian faith.
4. To become a church that lives and gives abundantly in response to God's abundance.
5. To become a church that embraces and engages the changing neighborhood and community.

To learn more about the Natural Church Development process at St. Philip's, please visit healthychurchteam.wordpress.com.



OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Bible Adventure Class 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:00 pm Choir	2 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion	3 7:00 pm Small Grp. Book Club	4 St. Philip's Disaster Relief to Colorado 11:00 am Feed My Starving Children 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
5 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat	6 9:30 am Joy Circle 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 1:30 pm Genealogy 5:50 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Worship Band 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Befrienders	7 Friend Deadline 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together	8 8:30 am Work Crew, WOW 10:00 am Women's Book Club 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 6:30 pm Garden Comm. 7:00 pm Choir	9 9:00 am 55+ Mystery Tour	10 7:00 pm Small Grp. Book Club	11 9:00 am Parish Fellowship 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 pm Saturday Supper
12 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 pm Gr. 9 Confirmation Meeting	13 9:00 am Glory Circle 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 1:30 pm Genealogy 5:50 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Worship Band 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm So Write!	14 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 4:30 pm Worship Planning 6:30 pm Property & Grounds	15 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:00 pm Choir	16 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 1:30 pm Game Time 6:30 pm North Metro Photo	17	18 9:00 am Comfort & Joy Quilting 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
19 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	20 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 1:30 pm Genealogy 5:50 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Worship Band 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	21 9:00 am Library Committee 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:00 pm HR Meeting	22 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:00 pm Choir	23	24 7:00 pm Small Grp. Book Club	25 9:00 am New Member Class 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
26 Confirmation Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27 1:00 pm Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chair Yoga 1:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters 5:50 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Worship Band 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm So Write!	28 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 6:45 pm Board Meeting	29 8:30 am Work Crew WOW 6:30 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 pm High School Youth Grp. 7:00 pm Choir	30 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 6:30 pm North Metro Photo	31 5:30 pm Trunks n' Treats	

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St. Philip's 55+ Retirees ~ Dinner & HS Play

Join us Thursday, November 20 at 5:30 pm for an entertaining evening at the Fridley High School. We'll meet in the HS cafeteria where we'll have dinner; then walk down the hall to the Auditorium to view the play *Aida*.

Aida, a story of forbidden love between the Egyptian leader Radames and the beautiful Ethiopian princess Aida. Aida is captured and forced to be a slave to the Pharaoh's daughter, who is also in love with Radames. When the

Ethiopian enemies headed by Aida's father invade Egypt, Aida is faced with a dilemma...whom should she support, her father or her beloved Radames?

The cost of \$15.00 per person, includes dinner and the play. Sign up in the church office by Sunday, November 2. Please make a (non-refundable) check payable to St. Philip's. If you have any questions, contact Tom or Marlene Schonebaum 763.786.2483. ♦

Thank You from Pastor Jan

I was deeply moved by the wonderful Retirement Celebration for me.

It was very special to worship with so many of you at the 9:30 service. Thank you to all who participated with a special than you to Stephanie Phelps and the choir and to Jan Scovill and David Geslin for the marvelous piano/organ music.

So many memories came to mind as we walked through the years in the powerpoint presentation. Thank you to all who sent in pictures and to Arlene and Duane Retzer and Larry and Meredith Hille who spent hours putting the presentation together. Ron Ackerman was delightful as the MC!

The brunch was delicious! Thank you to all who volunteered to help in any way — a special thank you to Parish Fellowship, WOW, and the Funeral Committee.

Arlene Retzer was asked by the Board to chair the celebration and I deeply appreciate all that she did to make it so special. And I thank Jerry Jensen, Board President, for all his kind words in presenting the gift of appreciation and the beautiful plaque. I will treasure the plaque and think of all of you every time I look at it.

My years at St. Philip's were a blessing in my life. I thank God for calling me to serve as your pastor. I will carry with me so many good memories, especially as I look through the Memory Book and through all the pictures that Dick Kruse took on Sunday -- thank you, Dick. The ministry of St. Philip's, the staff and all who worship here will remain in my prayers. God's blessing to all of you. ♦

A Season of Change

Jerry Jensen, Congregation President

Please join me in welcoming Emily Thomas our new Worship Band and Saturday evening accompanist, Megan Bender our new Front Office and Publications Coordinator, Jelayne Beckerleg our new Front Office and Membership Coordinator, and Pastor Tim Savarese our new Interim Associate Pastor.

Things sure are changing — everything from Highway 65 to the leaves on the trees. There are many things to be done at this time of year for we know winter is coming. According to the Farmers' Almanac's Secret Formula it is going to be another long cold snowy winter. We prepare and change into our fall and winter clothes, put away the lawn mower, put snowbrushes, shovels and winter survival kits in the car, snow shovels by the doors, and get the snowblower ready.

Many years ago when I was in the Air Force and was stationed in Fort Worth, TX, Carole and I bought our first house. It was across the street from a couple in their 50's. He was originally from St. Paul, was retired from the Air Force and was working for Bell Helicopter. When he was in the Air Force he worked on helicopter maintenance with strict protocols about replacing various components of the helicopter after an amazingly few hours of use. He often said, "You sure wouldn't want your helicopter to have a component failure and crash!" My neighbor applied the same logic to his house and especially to his cars. He painted his garage floor a beautiful shade of green every 6 months. He changed various components on his car after only 20,000 miles. While too much maintenance is not good, too little maintenance is much worse.

Our Building for the Future appeal, as I have come to learn, is very much needed. Preventative maintenance has often been deferred because of expense and other unexpected and often expensive repairs. Before I was elected President and was resting in my padded pew, I never really looked at the various areas that on closer inspection needed maintenance, repair or replacement. We have been very fortunate to have many skilled and dedicated people on the Wednesday Work Crew and Women on Wednesday who are able to perform some of this needed maintenance and repairs. Some repairs however are bigger and more complex requiring paid professionals with special skills to complete the job. Often these problems are unexpected and with no maintenance reserve fund some other things don't get done.

I urge you to join me in supporting our Building for the Future appeal so that after a successful appeal we can all go back to our padded pews without worrying about the furnace failing, the sewer line freezing or the roof leaking — again. ♦

August 2014

	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$496,355	\$513,894
Expense	(\$532,465)	(\$540,482)
TOTALS	(\$36,110)	(\$26,588)

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Events & Opportunities @ St. Philip's

Worship DVDs Available

A DVD of the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday worship is available through the church office. All sermons are available on the church website. The DVDs are free. ♦

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet the 1st Thursday, every-other month, at 1:00 pm at the Old Country Buffet, 6540 University Ave., in the Holly Shopping Center, in the party room. Our next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, October 2, 1:00 pm. Don't arrive early, as the Senior Citizen discount of \$7.99 begins 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there! ♦

Fall Yoga classes

Sue Montague, CYT, RYT, will teach Late Summer Christian Yoga classes at St. Philip's in the Lounge (or Room 1 due to conflicts). Monday @ 5:50 pm, 9/15 – 11/10—One-hour class is appropriate for all levels. Cost is \$50 for 8 of 9 classes. Monday @ 1:30 Chair Yoga, 9/15 – 11/10—Cost is \$40 for 8 of 9 classes. Drop-ins always welcome! ♦

Attention Crafters

Attention all crafters, there will be a church booth at the Holiday Market again this year. Please get your creative juices flowing and figure out what you can donate that will probably sell. Joan Kruse and Becky Becker will be in charge again this year. Please let them know what kind of items you will be donating. They will begin collecting them in October. Contact Joan at 612.251.3908 or Becky at 763.913.4059. ♦

Old Cell Phones & Glasses Help Others

We now have a home for those old cell phones. After you delete your personal information, deposit them in the St. Philip's office. They will be donated to a women's shelter and used for 911 calls or recycled for parts. We are also collecting eye glasses that will be used by those who would otherwise go without corrective lenses. Questions: contact Carol Baumgartner, 651.464.6049. ♦

Bells of Praise

Have some free time on Thursday evenings? Interested in joining the Bells of Praise? We have openings for you! There are only 4 requirements: 1. Ability to read music 2. The need for a new adventure 3. Want to meet new friends 4. Enjoy having fun! If interested, just pop into the Lounge on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning September 18 or call Dawn Hansen, 763.780.0360. ♦

Mitten & Hat Makers

"I didn't think my little girl would be able to have mittens and a hat this year" - a mother said with a tear of happiness in her eye. "The quality of these mittens are great". "These are so warm and beautiful - can you bring some more to our school?" Time and time again, we hear the above words. Sewers, your work and time into this special project is greatly appreciated. January through March 2014, 25 headbands, 53 hats and 80 pairs of mittens were delivered. Please call Arlene Hamernik, 763.571.6091, eahamernik@gmail.com or Jan Spitzer, 763.786.2016, janspitzer1@yahoo.com for fleece fabric, patterns or questions. ♦

Hotel Items Put to a Good Use

You know those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion that you get when you stay at a hotel? We have an opportunity to put them to good use serving those who don't readily have access to these items. Please bring them to the church office and we'll be sure they get to those who need them! Questions: contact Carol Baumgartner, 651.464.6049. ♦

Treats n' Trunks

A trick-or-treating experience for young members and neighborhood children on October 31, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Members and friends are needed to volunteer to decorate the trunks of their cars and tailgates of trucks with Halloween decor. Candy donations also needed. For more information contact Sue Davis, 763.784.9318. ♦

Life Events

Baptisms:

Audrey Pritchard on 9/6
Hannah Pritchard on 9/6
Aamir Youla on 9/14

Weddings:

Kristel Overson and Nick Berken
Alejandra Ventura and Edwin Sanchez

Sympathy:

Becky and Bob Becker upon the death of Becky's brother,
Frank White

October Anniversaries:

Eric & Angela Jensen married 15 years on 10/2
Michael & Lori Larson married 21 years on 10/2
Don & Val Habig, married 39 years on 10/4
James & Lori Manecke, married 28 years on 10/4
Tom & Daryl Monjeau, married 29 years on 10/5
Rikard & Amy Nordlander, married 18 years on 10/5
Adam & Anne Schweizer, married 1 year on 10/5
Marilyn & Lynn Swanson, married 17 years on 10/6
Jack & Michelle Angerhofer, married 25 years on 10/7
Gregory & Wendy Hundt, married 10 years on 10/7
Don & Sue Palmer Jr., married 9 years on 10/7
Arthur & Bonita DeMeyere, married 54 years on 10/8
Michael & Alyce Lentz, married 20 years on 10/8

George & Cheryl Mills, married 37 years on 10/8
Christopher & Laurie Nelson, married 20 years on 10/8
Lonnie & Marsha LeClair, married 38 years on 10/9
Richard & Betty Nordling, married 56 years on 10/11
David & Nelly Haugen, married 12 years on 10/12
Don & Jan Nelson, married 25 years on 10/14
Mark & Deb Williamson, married 25 years on 10/15
Kenneth & Pamela Yell, married 9 years on 10/15
John & Jennifer Gerdes, married 16 years on 10/17
Nathan & Julie Jeppson, married 16 years on 10/17
Chris & Janice Miller, married 30 years on 10/19
Richard & Bette Blair, married 52 years on 10/20
Todd & LeeAnn Schellenberg, married 2 years on 10/20
James & Terry Vaughan, married 41 years on 10/20
Gary & Linda Morris, married 47 years on 10/21
Mark & Tamara Zroka, married 36 years on 10/21
Michelle & Daniel Gladhill, married 9 years on 10/22
Charles & Sharon Johnson, married 51 years on 10/22
David & Marilyn Wahlgren, married 54 years on 10/22
Duane & Arlene Retzer, married 43 years on 10/23
Michael & Kristy Dettle, married 28 years on 10/25
John & Marlys Hinsverk, married 57 years on 10/26
Greg & Debbie Leibfried, married 23 years on 10/26
Larry & Phyllis Ehlers, married 52 years on 10/28
Jeffrey & Melissa Loven, married 9 years on 10/29 ♦

St. Philip's Vision

St. Philip's is a vibrant Christian community, working together to know and love God, our neighbors, and the world.

St. Philip's Mission

St. Philip's Lutheran is a community church centered on Christ that invites you to come and see Jesus.

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Greetings from Sara

Sara Quarberg

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Since beginning my time here at St. Philip's, I've been intentional about keeping my eyes and heart open to how God is working in this community. I entered into this place with the intentions to listen; to listen to the youth, parents, staff, the congregation and to God. Those intentions are still intact and what I'm hearing continues to lead me to the same place; community. Paul tells us about being members of one body. Within these walls, I see so many different members of this one body here at St. Philip's and it's beautiful to see you intersect with each other. I'm continuously fascinated by the ways in which God creates and constructs and how each of us possess our own strengths and gifts that have a place here among God's people. I think of this body as a puzzle, with each piece being extremely important to the whole. Without one piece, the puzzle doesn't hold its true value. So, what are your gifts and how do you see yourself fitting in this body?

This, of course, leads me to the youth and young adults! I see how these very energetic and gifted young individuals have so much to offer this community – each and every one of them. My focus will be to intentionally find space for these young people to use their strengths and gifts for God's Kingdom among each one of us and in the world. So, with that said, here's a glimpse at my vision for the youth program here at St. Philip's and my role as your Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Be on the lookout for the youth to be immersed in the larger St. Philip's community in small ways and in profound ways. I've met with some committees to see how we can work together in finding ways for the youth to support the already established mission of this church. If you have ideas, I'd love to hear them! I also have a vision for the youth program of simplicity and authenticity, meaning, I invite every one of you to truly come to this place as you are with the gifts, strengths, ideas, questions, struggles and worries that you already possess ready to be in relationship with each other and God as we navigate life and our faith together.

I continue to be intentional about the connection we have a community with our young adults who are away, whether in college



or in the military. This is a connection that I would love to see the entire community embrace as a part of the culture of St. Philip's. Thank you to those who have contributed to the care packages! We will continue to collect items year-round, so please keep your eyes open for good deals when you're shopping. Look for other ways to stay connected in the coming months!

We have had a busy summer, ending with the renovation of the youth room! A HUGE thank you to Matt Johnson for volunteering his time to help tile a portion of the youth room along with some of our youth! We will be putting a fresh layer of paint on the walls and getting some update furniture in the coming weeks!

Keep an eye on Facebook, surrounding bulletin boards, take-homes from Confirmation, text-messages and announcements in worship for upcoming events for youth and young adults at St. Philip's! It's looking to be an exciting year ahead! Know that there is ALWAYS a place for you here at St. Philip's! ♦

Thanks, Matt!

The Youth of St. Philip's would like to extend a HUGE thanks to Matt Johnson for his willingness to help with the tiling in the Youth Room! We could not have done it without his help! We are grateful for his generosity, patience, and willingness to teach us how to scrape the floors, lay adhesive, and finally lay the tile. We greatly appreciate his generous spirit!

Children & Family Ministry

Carly Tappe, Director

What a great beginning to our ministry year! September was a GREAT month! This ministry year will be filled with fun, faith filled ministry opportunities. Please see info below to find out about all the wonderful Children and Family Ministry Opportunities available!

Sunday School

We kicked off our Sunday School year on September 7 with 75 excited kids and 20 wonderful adults volunteers! It is going to be a great year!

Our preschoolers have had fun learning about how much Jesus loves them. They also LOVE having parents with them to sing and dance during our large group time at the end of their class.

Each week students in grades 1-5 will learn a new verse to help them remember their Bible story. The following week they can say that verse to their teacher. We encourage all our student is grades 1-5 to bring their Bible to Sunday School with them each week to follow along while reading the story and for our upper elementary students to find their Bible Memory Verse. Elementary aged students also started learning about the different aspects of worship. Our 4 & 5 graders will be a part of our 10:30am worship on October 19 by helping with the prayers of the day.

Be a part of our Sunday Morning Ministry

You are invited to serve with us on Sunday mornings. We are still in need of a few more Sunday School volunteers to help with our 1-3 graders and substitute teachers. If you would like to be a part of a teaching team please contact Carly.

Nursery Ministry

Our nursery is currently open on Sunday mornings from 8:30-11:30 am. Our nursery worker, Lori Peterson, and volunteers make the nursery a fun and safe place where all our children can receive the Love of God. Our volunteers take turns rotating during the 10:30 am worship service. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery please stop

by and talk to Lori or Carly.

Family Service Opportunity

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to us at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Saturday, October 4, from 9-11 am to pack meals. Please sign-up by emailing Carly at carlyt@splcmn.org. We recommend children be in grades 1 and older and each child be accompanied by an adult. Vibrant Faith Ministries identifies Four Key Faith Practices essential for nurturing faith, values, and character formation. These Four Keys are the core concepts in nurturing strong parental faith and in strengthening relationships between other family members, thereby strengthening their faith. One of these Four Keys is Family Service.

Children, youth, and adults are most likely to be influenced by those who "walk the talk." There are many opportunities for service: some in the home, some in the congregation, some in the larger community. Whatever type of service you choose, it is best done with family members or other intergenerational groups.

Faith Journey Events

Our next FJE is The Great Bible Adventure. This is a 2 part event for 3rd graders and their parents will take place Wednesdays, September 24 and October 1 from 6:30-7:30pm. The purpose of this FJE is to prepare families and children to receive their SPARK NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) Bible. Time will be spent learning the basics about the Bible, how to read verses, and some bible history with the help of "What's in the Bible?" curriculum. After this class, students will receive their new Bible during the 10:30am worship on Sunday, October 5. If you have a third grader and have not received information about this event please contact Carly for all the details. ♦



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“We live in a society that tells us ‘WE NEED STUFF’ whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.”

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, job losses, downsizing, bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half are worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, “The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide.”

Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the “American Nightmare.” Increasing debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We live in a society that tells us “WE NEED STUFF” whether or not we can afford it or really even need it. We all have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore.

That is why, over the course of six weeks, we will be having a worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through weekly worship and study (visit St Philip's website: splcmn.org for details about information and study information for the Stewardship Campaign). We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the campaign, the congregation will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays. (“Consecrate” is a great word that means “to give ourselves to the Lord in a new way.”)

We hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Series of Events:

- Oct 11/12 When Dreams Become Nightmares
- Oct 18/19 Wisdom and Finance
- Oct 25/26 Cultivating Contentment
- Nov 1/2 Defined by Generosity
- Nov 8/9 Consecration Sunday 1
- Nov 15/16 Consecration Sunday 2
- Dec 6/7 Celebration Sunday – Results Celebration and Consecration of Next Year's Ministry Commitments

Thank you and we look forward to the coming weeks!

St Philip's Stewardship Committee:
Jim Felton, Mike Carroll, Scott Bjerketvedt, and Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem ♦



St. Philip's Disaster Relief

The Disaster Relief ministry will be making its 18th weeklong trip in early October to the Boulder, CO area. Heavy rain fell in the Boulder area in September 2013 with the area receiving their typical annual rainfall in only four days.

This left hundreds of homes and businesses flooded and the rebuilding continues over a year later. 30+ team members will head to Colorado on Saturday, October 4 and return the following Sunday. Please keep the team in your prayers during that week and follow their activities on the Disaster Relief page on St. Philip's website at www.splcmn.org/spdr. ♦

“An essential part of true listening is the discipline of bracketing, the temporary giving up or setting aside of one's own prejudices, frames of reference and desires so as to experience as far as possible the speaker's world from the inside, step in inside his or her shoes. This unification of speaker and listener is actually an extension and enlargement of ourselves, and new knowledge is always gained from this. Moreover, since true listening involves bracketing, a setting aside of the self, it also temporarily involves a total acceptance of the other. Sensing this acceptance, the speaker will feel less and less vulnerable and more and more inclined to open up the inner recesses of his or her mind to the listener. As this happens, speaker and listener begin to appreciate each other more and more, and the duet dance of love is begun again.”

~ M. Scott Peck

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**Memorials**

Summer were received in memory of:

*Lorna Klein, Don Breining, Yvonne Jorgenson, Reid Sonstegard and Martha Korosec;*

...and to celebrate the birthdays of *Mary Seekamp, Char Fauteck and Betty Blair*

**Legacy Circle**

Gifts to the Endowment Fund totaling \$1,000, whether by will, by designation the fund as a beneficiary upon death, by a lump sum contribution, or by accumulating gifts over time, are acknowledged on the legacy circle plaque at St. Philip's.

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Thanks to you support, The Endowment Fund has now passed \$120,000!

For your convenience, there are special offering envelopes in the office and enclosure cards which you may send to inform someone that you have made a gift to the endowment fund to celebrate a special occasion or in honor of or memory of someone ♦

“Preventative maintenance has often been deferred because of expense and other unexpected and often expensive repairs.”

~Jerry Jensen