



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – BAPTISM OF JESUS

This coming Sunday, January 15, we will remember the Baptism of our Lord at Spirit of Hope. At Christmas God became one of us in Jesus. At His baptism Jesus identified with us in our struggles against sin and was affirmed as God's Son by the voice of the Father that came from heaven. We will read the account of Our Lord's baptism in Matthew 3 and will also continue with our reading through the Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 18 verses 1 – 17 will be the focus of Sunday's message as the apostle Paul reaches the city of Corinth and is directly encouraged by God. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and the worship service begins between 9:30-9:40 am. Sunday School classes meet after prayer time at 11:00.

THIS SUNDAY'S CLASSES AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson about Jesus; His life and teachings.

Confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave for a class on the 10 Commandments.

Youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch for a class on apologetics.

Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women from their text,

Women of the Bible.

Brad Hoyt will lead the General Adult study for a class on answering those who are skeptical about the Christian faith.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR SPIRIT OF HOPE

New e-mail addresses are being rolled out this week at Spirit of Hope.

Pastor Dave is switching from his current e-mail address to

pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org. Pastoral intern Wendy Poch can be

reached at wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. Further Spirit of Hope addresses will be published as they go online. Thanks for your patience as we make this transition.

SPECIAL SECOR TOUR THIS MONTH

Plans are being made for a special “Beyond the Cupboard Tour” at Southeast Community Outreach’s new facility for Wednesday evening, January 18 at 7:00 pm and Thursday afternoon, January 19 at 2:00 pm. Many Spirit of Hope members toured the former facility that was located on the campus of Southeast Christian Church. The newer facility, located about an eighth of a mile north in the Solomon Building, is much more spacious and allows SECOR to serve many more of the suburban poor in our area. A sign-up sheet will again be passed around at worship this coming Sunday or you can contact Pastor Dave directly to make an “RSVP!”

TOMATO PRODUCTS DRIVE THIS MONTH

January is a five Sunday month and we are collecting your donations of tomato products for Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR). Tomato sauce, paste, canned tomatoes and spaghetti sauce in containers of all sizes are appreciated. SECOR has told us that this is the food product they most have trouble keeping stocked. Your donation helps! PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS THIS SUNDAY IN THE BLUE MISSION’S TUB! Thank you!

MISSION FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

The Mission Fund at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church exists to help support short term mission trips for youth and adults in the congregation. The fund offsets costs of youth mission trips in order to make mission opportunities more available to families. For adults, the fund is meant to help those who believe they are called to participate in a short-term mission trip, but may not have all the funds available for that trip to happen. Overseen by the Mission Team on a case by case basis, the mission fund can provide up to 1/3 of the cost of an individual’s short-term mission trip costs. Many mission organizations such as our partners at EEMN take applications for the coming year’s trips now. Please contact the members of the Mission Team (Pastor Dave, Wendy Poch, Tim Lehnerz, or Chuck West) if you are interested in applying.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

1/22 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

2/3 Movie Night, Poch Home, 7 pm

2/12 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

2/26 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

Youth Families - Mark Your Calendars!

This year's youth mission trip will be of a more local flavor. Details were sent yesterday via email. Be sure to mark your calendars for June 25th - 30th! Prior to that trip, we are tentatively planning on Apache Youth Ministries bringing up their students the week of June 3rd-June 11th. While plans will be in flux for that for quite some time, you may wish to mark your calendars for that week as well as we will try to have some special combined youth events and meals that week!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits will occur on Tuesday, January 17, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Sara Gutknecht (20490 Oakbrook Lane, Parker, CO 80138).

SEVENTEEN SIGNED UP FOR CROSSWAYS!

Seventeen people have signed up for the two year, in depth study of the Bible – Crossways. Taught by Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch the group will meet once per week to go through the entire Bible, studying and discussing its themes, meanings and applications for life today.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The holidays and cold weather put a halt to the planned concrete pour of the foundation pad. However, with the warming temperatures of this week the work is hoped to be completed. The reinforcing rebar was installed last week as it is not a weather dependent part of the project. The church board meanwhile awaits updated bid numbers. Thank you for your continued prayers for the building project.

SPECIAL ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT COMING SOON

Mark your calendars and save the date of Sunday, February 19, 2017, for an all church fellowship event – chili potluck and game event! More details will come in this month's newsletters!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Please include the following people in your prayers:

Prayers of support and comfort for the victims of terror around the world and that these attacks will cease

Prayers for President Obama and President-elect Trump as they continue to work to transfer political power over the next ten days

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

For our church as we seek God's guidance and providence as we continue the building project

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

1/4 Andrew West
1/4 Renee Nefe
1/5 Alan Shobe
1/7 Thane Larson
1/8 Tim Lehnerz
1/10 Kasja Larson
1/17 Sara Gutknecht
1/21 Bea Zwegardt
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

January income (to date) = **\$7,444**
January expenses (to date) = **\$673**
Checking = **\$31,105**
Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**
Building Fund = **\$94,160**