



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7060 Ponderosa Drive  
Parker, CO 80138

## **MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact one of our pastors at 303-841-3553 or [office@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:office@spiritofhopelcmc.org). Also visit us on the web at [www.spiritofhopelcmc.org](http://www.spiritofhopelcmc.org).

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, January 16, 2021, AT 303-841-3553.**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

\*Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Office closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>).

Regular office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm.

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This coming Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, we will also continue reading and preaching through the letter to the Hebrews. Pastor Dave will preach on Hebrews 6:4-12 which offers both a warning and an encouragement for believers who are maturing in their faith.

**IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.**

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipjanuary17.eventbrite.com> into your browser. The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week. Intergenerational Sunday School will follow the service.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION WITH HEALTH GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES!**

## **INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

This Sunday we will be focusing on the theme of courageous decision making as we study the story of Esther in Esther 4:1-17. We will also look at Matthew 10:16-22 which talks about standing firm and relying on the Holy Spirit. All ages are welcome to join us as we meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship. If you would like to attend Sunday School via Zoom, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy by 8:30 am on Sunday morning.

## **OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE!**

In accordance with Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church By Law B3.01 the church board calls for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, January 31, 2020, following the conclusion of the 9:30 am worship service at the church facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). The purpose of this meeting will be to officially receive an annual report on the mission, ministries and activities of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church for the year 2020 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2021. An annual report including the proposed 2021 general fund budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: PRAYER, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

**CLASS WILL BE IN-PERSON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
AND ALSO ON ZOOM**

"God has designed prayer as a means of intimate and joyous fellowship between God and humankind" (O.Hallesby on Prayer). But how are we supposed to pray? How do we start? How do we go deeper in prayer and deeper into our relationship with God? You are invited to a six-week class on prayer that will be taught by Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy (on alternating weeks) where we will discuss these topics and more. All are welcome whether you have never prayed before or have a vibrant prayer life. This class will now meet in the Fellowship Hall. To join us on Zoom this Wednesday, please click here on Wednesday evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09> Passcode: 825177

## **PAPER REDUCTION AT WORSHIP SERVICES**

Beginning in February, we will be moving toward using less paper in our worship services. You will still have the option of having a paper bulletin should you desire one. But we would like to encourage those comfortable utilizing the screens during worship to do so in order to help the church save money on extensive printing costs. As such, beginning in February, rather than placing bulletins in your seats, they will be available by request from the usher.

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE**

As of January 4, 2021, Douglas County is now in CODE ORANGE (High Risk) on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that outdoor Sunday fellowship (weather permitting) and communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) may return to our schedule. **PLEASE WATCH EMAIL AND FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR PRACTICES!** Masks are still required at all times while in the building except for worship leaders actively leading worship or while taking communion during worship. Keeping of a six-foot distance between household units is still in effect. Our pastors and church board continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.

## **MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:**

**“OVERCOMING ANXIETY DURING COVID-19”**

**9:00 AM ON ZOOM: MONDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY 1st**

Anxiety can feel like a constricting snake slowly tightening around us until it is difficult to breathe. COVID-19 has increased regular anxiety for many of us and our loved ones. In this class we will receive comfort and words of wisdom from God's Word, encouragement in how to overcome anxiety in these troubling days, and explore ways we can remain faithful to God during stressful times like these. This four-session series features videos by Pastor Jonathan Pokluda via RightNow Media and study/discussion sessions facilitated by Pastor Wendy. Sessions will address: "Anxiety About the Uncontrollable"; "Anxiety About the Economy"; "Anxiety About Isolation"; and "Anxiety When the Church Can't Meet". All sessions will take place exclusively on Zoom. If you would like to join us, please click here on

**Monday morning:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83534833157?pwd=Um94Q1NMbFFvcFcvb3E4TEt5dkRndz09> Passcode: 656443. You are welcome to invite and share this link with friends, family, or anyone who is dealing with anxiety or stress during these trying times.

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org).

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:**

For Kandy and John Parsons as they grieve the loss of Kandy's mother, and Spirit of Hope member, Hazel Kjellsen.

For the Carpenter family as they mourn the loss of Anne's brother, Jay

For the Fisher family as they mourn the passing of Victoria's mother, Anna May Horan, on December 18

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that treatment and the coming vaccine will be effective, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted,

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

For our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world who suffer persecution to be comforted and strengthened and for the Lord God to defeat the evil of terrorism done to them

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, Bethesda Lutheran Ministries, Compassion International, the Institute of Lutheran Theology

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

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Members and Friends)**

### **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  
1/22 Penny & Violet Garrett  
1/25 Gregory West  
1/30 Delories Admundson  
1/31 Melissa Andrews

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**January Income (to date) = \$9,988**

**General Fund Offerings = \$9,082**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$800**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$106**

**Other Income = \$0**

**January expenses (to date) = \$1,357**

**Checking = \$46,041**

**Money Market = \$23,221 (Reserves = \$10,438 Dedicated = \$12,783)**

**Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$23,972**

**Building Money Market = \$12,579**