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Mission News From SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday, Pastor Wendy will be preaching on John 2:13-25 in which Jesus gets angry in the temple. Her sermon is titled, "Course Correction". It is also a praise band hymns Sunday! After a time of fellowship, Sunday School will begin at 11:00 am with the adults studying the book of James and elementary students learning more about Jesus and the temple.

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Church Board of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church has set the date for our annual congregational meeting which will be on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:00 am. A Zoom link will be sent out for those who are unable to attend in the sanctuary.



NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Due to an increase of evening activities at Spirit of Hope, Pastor Wendy is setting new office hours that go into effect this week:

Tuesday – Friday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Coffee with the Pastor is moving to Fridays and will resume on January 28th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Those interested in formally calling Spirit of Hope their church home and/or those who would like more information about Spirit of Hope are invited to attend our new member class. Bagels will be served! Please RSVP to Pastor Wendy so she can prepare the necessary class materials.



COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Wednesday, January 12th

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Book Study: C.S. Lewis *The Great Divorce*

Thursday, January 13th

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Zumba Gold

6:45 pm Church Board Meeting

Sunday, January 16th

9:30 am Worship; 11:00 am Sunday School

Monday, January 17th

12:00 pm AA

Tuesday, January 18th

12:00 pm Digging Deeper Bible Study

1:30 pm Hopeful Spirits

Wednesday, January 19th

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Book Study: C.S. Lewis *The Great Divorce*

ZUMBA GOLD IS BACK!!!

Want to work off those Christmas cookies and New Year's treats while enjoying a time of fellowship? Join us for Zumba Gold on Thursdays from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (starting on January 13th). Certified Zumba instructor Tanya

Diederich will lead us in this program that is safe for everyone, including seniors, as it is low/no impact. Music is uplifting and fun! Please bring a \$3.00 donation for each class (or purchase a punch card).



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



THE BOOK OF JAMES

SUNDAYS 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

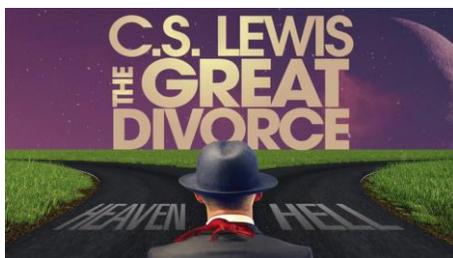
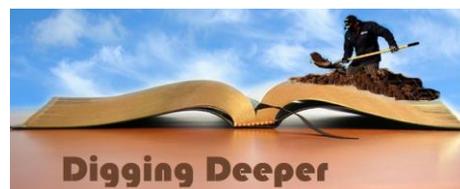
Join Wayne Schultz as we go through the book of James verse by verse. There's a lot that's packed into this little book and all of it is practical for us as Christians today.

DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Join Pastor Wendy as we dig deeper into the Gospel of John. You are welcome to bring a lunch! No homework and no prep.



WEDNESDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 pm

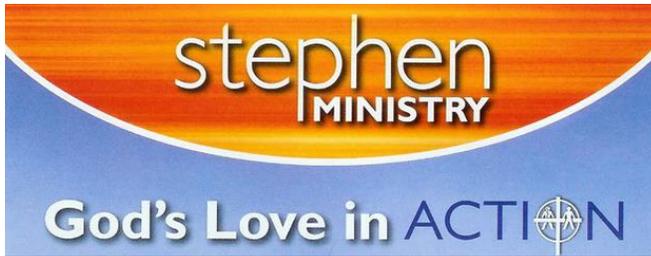
THE GREAT DIVORCE by C.S. Lewis **STARTS TONIGHT!**

The Great Divorce is a fascinating allegory by C.S. Lewis in which a busload of people take a trip from hell up to the entrance of heaven. For various reasons, some make it

to heaven while others make the choice to remain separated from God in hell. Each of the characters brings to light various struggles we often have with grace. The book also touches upon theological concepts that are also worthy of deeper discussion. Pastor Wendy will be leading this class.

ADVENTURES IN THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Our elementary students will be studying the sermon text of the day as presented in the Narrative Lectionary. On occasion, there will be times when a different and more age-appropriate subject will be studied instead. This class meets at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings and is taught by Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy.



STEPHEN MINISTER APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Kandy Parsons or Pastor Wendy for an

application. Interviews will begin soon for our 2022 cohort of Stephen Ministers. We hope to begin training potential Stephen Ministers in February.

FROM THE CHURCH BOARD

The congregation has nominated Tom Clausen and Ken Carpenter to serve a two-year term on the Church Board that will begin on February 1, 2022. Tom and Ken have been formally vetted and approved by the Church Board. As such, they have now officially been elected per our constitution and bylaws. They have been invited to attend January's Church Board meeting so that they can be brought up to speed, ensuring a smooth transition of church leadership. Carol Palin will begin a second two-year term on February 1st. John Parsons, Sheri Giles, and Steve Gutknecht each have another year to serve on their present term. John Parsons will continue to serve as Church President in 2022. Pastor Wendy and the current Church Board wish to thank Gary Flora and Susan Spancers for their many years of service on the Church Board. They have both served the people of Spirit of Hope extremely well and we wish much them joy and peace in 2022!

FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

(NEW EVERY WEEK!)

THE APOSTLES' CREED: The Third Article

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

"...In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers..."



FROM THE SCRIPTURES

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:1-2)

FROM LUTHER’S WRITINGS

“Our holiness does not consist of what we have already achieved. This forgiveness of sins is certainly present, but not yet fully grasped. This the resurrection of the flesh is certainly present, but I do not yet see it. Thus, eternal life is certainly present, because He who began it is present, and where He is, there is no sin, unholiness, or death in them. Otherwise, we are condemned, but we must believe. If we do not feel it, it is nevertheless complete in Christ, who has finished it. That answers those who say that people ought to sense everything that Christians preach. No, for often it happens that the father or mother of a family, or a male or female worker, goes about doing their vocation, and it is not evident that in this person there is a saint; it is hidden even from them. For you do not see Christ, and as little do you see my holiness, even though I am holy in Him. In addition, I have the signs of Baptism and the Eucharist. [AE 57:5]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

*1/4 Renee Nefe
1/7 Thane Larson
1/8 Tim Lehnerz
1/10 Kasja Larson
1/17 Sara Gutknecht
1/22 Penny and Violet Garrett
1/30 Delores Admundson
1/31 Melissa Andrews*

*“Be a sinner and sin boldly,
but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly.”
— Martin Luther*



MORE ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Every word in John's Gospel is intentional and meaningful. The placement of each account contained within is also intentional. It can be challenging to break John's Gospel into preaching texts because some accounts are short and others are very long. But its essential that

each account is read in its entirety and in order (which is why John, in its fullness, isn't presented in other types of lectionaries). The Narrative Lectionary gives us a very special opportunity to read, study, and grow deeper in faith as we drink deeply from this well of God's Word.

The reason it is so important to read John in order is that each pericope (biblical account) builds on and also foreshadows other portions of this Gospel. So, to give you "road map" of where we are going between now and the end of April, here is the general location of each pericope as it fits in the larger framework of John:

1:1-18	The Prologue
1:19-51	The Calling of the Disciples
2	The Wedding at Cana and the Temple Incident
3	Nicodemus
4	The Woman at the Well and the Healing of an Official's Son
5	The Healing of a Man Who Was Sick for 38 Years
6	Feeding of the 5,000
7-8	Conflicts with Jewish Authorities
9	Healing of a Man Who Was Blind
10	Shepherd Discourses
11	The Raising of Lazarus
12	Discourse on Glory
13	The Foot Washing
14-16	The Farewell Discourse
17	Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples
18-19	Jesus' Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion
20-21	Resurrection Appearances

May God bless our journey as we travel together through John's Gospel!

~ *Pastor Wendy*

PRAYERS

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org

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



A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

By Pastor Wendy

Loving Lord, you are the God who gave up everything so that we can have grace upon grace upon grace. Show us how to live as those who have been blessed beyond our measure. When we are tempted to whine or complain, remind us of your grace. When we are fearful and anxious, remind us of your grace. When we feel lost and confused, remind us of your grace. And when we feel guilty because of our sin, remind us of your grace. Because, Lord, you long for us to abide in you and bask in the abundance of your always-present grace. Abide in us and help us to abide in you. We pray this for Jesus' sake and in His name. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

For Lavonne who is in the hospital after suffering a minor stroke.

For Pam and her daughters as they grieve the death of their beloved husband and father, John.

For Stephanie who is recovering from radiation treatments.

For Rebecca who is undergoing radiation.

For Sara as she goes through intensive chemotherapy.

For Janie as she begins radiation after completing chemotherapy.

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

For all of our local, state, and federal leaders that they would hear God's voice and lead with His wisdom.

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. We also pray for missionaries around the world.

For Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, LCMC Disaster Relief, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork, Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, the Institute of Lutheran Theology, Stephen Ministry.

All of our military fighting for our freedoms.

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

December Income = \$27,136

General Fund Offerings = \$22,959

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,850

Dedicated Offerings = \$1,277

Other Income = \$50

December Expenses = \$20,158

Checking Accounts Balance = \$34,968

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$62,067

Money Market Account Balance = \$107,447

January Income (to date) = \$8,062

General Fund Offerings = \$7,143

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$800

Dedicated Offerings = \$119

Other Income = \$0

January Expenses = \$4,344

Checking Accounts Balance = \$94,455

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$0

Money Market Account Balance = \$113,754