



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Can harmless actions actually hurt others? What are the limits (if any) of my personal freedom? Why can't I do whatever I want as long as no one gets hurt? These questions touch chapter 8 of the letter of 1 Corinthians. That is the scripture we will read and deal with in the message this coming Sunday at Spirit of Hope, January 24. The issue in chapter 8 is from ancient culture, but the applications are contemporary. Come worship and learn this Sunday at The Schoolhouse gym. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes meet after prayer time at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Here is the lineup on Sunday School classes for this Sunday at The Schoolhouse! Kids are in the gym; confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave in the basement in room 003; youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch in room 004 in the basement. The two adult classes have been moved upstairs in the old school house portion of the building. The women's study is in room 200 studying Women of the Bible and the general adult education class is in room 204 studying the "Culture Shock" curriculum.

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!

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, 2016, at 11:00 am at the current meeting facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (Parker Schoolhouse, 19650 Main Street, Parker, CO 80134). 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 2015 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2016. An annual report including the proposed 2016 general fund budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

On Sunday electronic copies of the annual report, 2015 financial report and the proposed 2016 general fund budget were sent to the congregation. Hard copies of these documents are available from Pastor Dave by request.

BUILDING PROJECT RESUMES

This week construction on the building project resumes at the construction site, 7060 Ponderosa Drive. Our general contractor, Skarco Design, will oversee some in ground plumbing that will be installed. Later in the week our members will be doing some dirt moving. Please pray for safety and smooth sailing for all the workers on the site as our project resumes! Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Group Events

1/24 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "Why Do Bad Things Happen?"

2/6 Prayer Breakfast, Chick-fil-A, 9 am

2/14 Special Youth Group Night: Valentine's Party

2/28 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "What Happens After We Die?"

High School Sunday School - "Bible Basics"

Beginning Sunday, January 10th, the High School Sunday School Class will begin a new series on "Bible Basics." Topics will include: How did we get the Bible? How do we know the Bible is true? Bible Anatomy, Bible Organization, and effective ways to study your Bible. This series is designed to help teens effectively answer questions that many people have regarding God's Word. Being able to confidently explain the authority of our scriptures makes us more effective witnesses to those around us. Once those we witness to are confident in the validity of our scriptures the doors can open wide to have conversations about the message of salvation contained within!

Youth Group Nights

Youth in grades 7 - 12 (and beyond!) are welcome to attend our twice monthly Youth Group Nights. We are continuing our Bible study series "Gospel Journey Maui." Filmed in Maui, Dare2Share's Greg Steir and Zane Black are joined by a participant panel of people of different faiths, including: Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventist, and New Age, to discuss topics such as "What is the Meaning of Life?", "Who is Jesus and What is His Message?", "What Happens When We Die?", "Why are There So Many Religions?" and more! While we focus on the true answers to these questions as outlined in the Bible, we also learn and discuss how other people may view the answers to these questions.

Understanding and respecting where other people are at and what they may believe helps us to be better able to enter into discussions that will allow us to share The Truth (Jesus!) In addition to watching and discussing Gospel Journey Maui, we eat a lot of snacks, play a lot of games, and have a generally good and crazy time! Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

End of the Year Giving Statements will be sent out via email soon. Please make sure that Financial Secretary, Renee Nefe, has your current email address by sending it to her at reneenefe@yahoo.com. Thanks!

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

The spiritual season of Lent will begin this year on February 10th with Ash Wednesday. This is an early start to the season this year with

Easter Sunday being celebrated on March 27. While plans are still being formed, the theme for this Lenten season will be “The Exclusivity of Jesus.” Six scripture passages that talk about the uniqueness of God’s love shown to us exclusively through our Lord and Savior will be studied on the Wednesdays of Lent. Watch for more details to come soon regarding Lent at Spirit of Hope for this year.

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

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE DIRECTLY WITH ANY NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU!

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 for healing and strength for Sheri Giles' mom in Washington state, Elizabeth Zeh, who has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, which the doctors believe was brought on by the chemo drugs she was taking following successful cancer surgery

Prayers for healing for Ben Potthoff, son of Herb and Beth Potthoff. Ben dislocated his right knee before Christmas and will be having surgery on it late this spring or early summer

Prayer for safety for Steve and Sara Gutknecht's son-in-law, Jon Claassen, who is deployed over the next several months with the U.S. Army

For renewed healing for Mike Maxwell in Grand Junction from cancer

For healing for Paul Soules, Cherri Lusk's father, being treated for cancer

Prayers of healing and strength for Will Garrett in Utah, son-in-law of Wayne and Sue Schultz, from a brain tumor diagnosis

For healing for Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt's son, Dane, from lung cancer

For continued healing and strength for Sue Schultz from cancer

For our church as we seek God's guidance as we resume 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

For peace, healing and recovery for all the recent victims of terror around the world and that the plans of terrorists will be thwarted and stopped

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
1/28 Taylor Fittje
1/30 Delories Admundson

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

January income (to date) = **\$11,609**
January expenses (to date) = **\$10,135**
Checking = **\$19,995**
Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,157**
Building Fund = **\$125,141**