



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 2, 2018 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, AT 303-941-0668.

2018 LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER BEGINS TODAY!

Once more our association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) is calling for all member congregations to start the new calendar year by giving themselves to prayer for three days from January 2 – 4. The days may be structured in any way that a congregation feels led. The theme for each day is as follows:

January 2 – Confession

“This is a day focused on confession. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.”

January 3 – Petition

“This is a day of petition. Pray for your congregation, for the pastor, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God’s redeeming love for all in Christ.”

January 4 – Vision

“This is a day for vision. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God’s vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of

prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision."

Plan to set aside some time on these days of January for some focused prayer to God!

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – EPIPHANY SUNDAY

The visit of the Magi to the child, Jesus, will be observed this coming Sunday, January 7, at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. We will read the story at the beginning of service from Matthew's gospel and sing some Epiphany related songs and hymns. We will also continue reading from the gospel of Luke taking up the event of Jesus' visit to the temple in Jerusalem when He was a boy (Luke 2:41-5). Fellowship Time starts at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School for all classes resumes at 11:00 am.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming January Youth Events

Prayer and pie night 1/3 from 7-8:30 pm at the Parker Village Inn

Youth Group 1/7 from 12-2 pm Games, Lunch and More!!! We meet in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary from noon to 2:00 pm!

Youth Group 1/28 from 12-2 pm.

Prayer and Pie Night January 3rd

Youth in grades 7 through young adults are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship, food, pie, and prayer. We will be meeting at the Village Inn at 7 pm. Order anything off the menu, even just a drink, and receive a free piece of pie! Remember to bring money for the item(s) you order and to leave a generous tip. We will lift up everyone's prayer requests. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to Intern Wendy by January 2nd.

AFTER WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM TO FORM

This January, Spirit of Hope will be forming a prayer team to offer special prayers for those who desire after the worship service. If you think you may be called to this special ministry, please talk to Pastor Dave. The team will be forming this month with the hope of beginning this ministry in February.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT 2017 GIVING

It is almost time for End of the Year Financial Statements to go out. If you have changed your email address or moved please make sure that our financial secretary Renee Nefe reneenefe@yahoo.com has your current information so that she can send you your statement. All statements are sent via email unless you do not have an email account.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

At the church board meeting of November 28, it was reported that Gary Flora had been nominated for the 2018 board for a new two year term to replace outgoing board member and vice-president, Tim Lenherz. Gary has accepted this nomination and has begun the vetting process. The congregation is invited to give any input to the board regarding Gary's nomination until January 9. Susan Spancers and Steve Gutknecht, whose terms end this year, have agreed to serve another two-year term. President Wayne Schultz and Secretary Brad Hoyt have each agreed to continue to serve until the completion of the building project next year. At that point they will have an option to step down if they so choose.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@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 healing for Cherri Lusk from recent abdominal surgery

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 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, Mean Street Ministries, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Missions, 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
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

December income (as of 12/29/17) = **\$20,632**

December expenses (as of 12/29/17) = **\$9,435**

Checking = **\$39,929**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,213**

Building Fund = **\$454,019**