



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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**PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 303-941-0668.**

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

This coming Sunday, January 28 we will briefly cover the highlights of Jesus' human genealogy in Luke 3:23-38. Then we will continue with Luke's account of Jesus' earthly ministry in Luke 5:27-39. Jesus scandalizes the proper people of the day by socializing and teaching sinners. When challenged on His ministry strategy, Jesus tells a parable to show that sometimes new situations call for new strategies while still maintaining your core values and beliefs.

Come find out more this Sunday as 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 is in recess this Sunday as we conduct our annual congregational meeting at 10:45 am.

### **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 28, 2018, at 10:45 am at the current meeting facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (Pine Lane Elementary North, 6475 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 2017 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2018. An annual report including the proposed 2018 general fund

budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

## **YOUTH NEWS!**

### ***Upcoming Youth Events***

Sunday, January 28, Youth Group from 12-2 pm. **THIS SUNDAY!!!**

Sunday, February 11, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.

Sunday, February 25, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.

### ***Youth Group Meets this Sunday!***

Come and join the fun this Sunday from noon to 2 pm(ish) as Intern Wendy leads us in games and a brief devotion. Lunch is provided!

## **CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS WEDNESDAY**

The two-year in-depth study of the Bible, the Crossways Course, resumes classes this Wednesday night, 7-8:30 pm. Taught by Pastoral Intern, Wendy Poch, the class will meet again in the Bridgeside Building, 11031 So Pikes Peak Dr. lower level, Suite G105. Please contact Intern Wendy at 303-514-5266 if you need more information.

## **AFTER WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM FORMING**

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](mailto: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.

## **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, Intern Wendy, Tim Lehnerz, or Chuck West) if you are interested in applying.

### **A THANK YOU FROM CHERRI LUSK**

**By Pastor Dave**

Cherri Lusk thanks everyone for their prayers during her recent hospitalization. They definitely were felt and helped. Cherri is now at Porter/Kindred undergoing rehab therapy to regain her strength.

### **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Construction at the church site has picked up with the new year. The delay caused by the stop order from the fire department in November caused sub-contractors to shift their workers to other projects so it took much of December to get their schedules adjusted back to our project. All doors and windows have been installed so that the building is now sealed against the elements. HVAC work is nearly complete. Outside painting of the siding finished last week. An issue arose during the last week of the year with the fire department regarding backup pumping capabilities for our fire suppression system. That issue was resolved in the last two weeks and final approval of the system should come from South Metro Fire and Rescue by the end of the month. Once received, the installation of interior piping for the system as well as ordering the pump for the system will begin.

An Easter date for the completion of the project will now not be met.

A new firmer completion date is being requested from our general contractor, Skarco, and should come this week.

Again, thank you for your continued prayers (and patience) as we move forward to complete the building project this year.

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668

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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 Wayne Schultz' brother in Texas, Linn, who approaching the end of earthly life

For DeDe Elliott's friend in Estonia, Kerli, who is recovering from recent surgery

For continued healing for Cherri Lusk who is now undergoing rehab therapy to regain her strength

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**

January income (to date) = **\$20,303\***

January expenses (to date) = **\$4,164**

Checking = **\$34,556**

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

Building Fund = **\$486,046**

**\*December 31, 2017 offering deposited January 3, 2018 and includes \$10,000 Building Fund Contribution**