



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, January 29, we continue with our reading through the Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 19 verses 1 – 22 will be covered. The third missionary journey of Paul continues in these verses. Baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit are topics that will be covered as Paul spends two years in the city of Ephesus. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and the worship service begins between 9:30-9:40 am. The annual meeting of the congregation will be held at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School classes are postponed this Sunday for the annual congregation meeting at 11:00 am. Classes will resume on Sunday, February 5.

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 29, 2017, at 11:00 am at the current meeting facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (Pine Lane Elementary South, 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 2016 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2017. An annual report including the proposed 2017 general fund budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

This notice was sent via general e-mail distribution on January 12, 2017.

Electronic copies of the annual report were sent on January 22 along with the 2016 financial report and the proposed 2017 general fund budget. Hard copies of these documents are available from Pastor Dave by request.

THIS MONTH'S TOMATO PRODUCTS DRIVE CONCLUDES SUNDAY

January's collection of donations of tomato products for Southeast Community Outreach (SECOR) concludes this coming Sunday. Tomato sauce, paste, canned tomatoes and spaghetti sauce in containers of all sizes are appreciated. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS THIS SUNDAY IN THE BLUE MISSION'S TUB!** Thank you!

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, Wendy Poch, Tim Lehnerz, or Chuck West) if you are interested in applying.

INTERN SUPPORT TEAM

Part of the Institute of Lutheran Theology's pastoral internship program requires the creation of an Intern Support Team made up of several congregation members with a variety of backgrounds. The purpose of the Intern Support Team (IST) is, of course, to provide support (both spiritual and tactical) to the intern and to help the intern grow into pastoral ministry. The IST will be filling out performance evaluations that are discussed with the intern and then submitted to the seminary for review. The IST also serves as a sounding board and buffer, both for the intern as well as for the congregation. This means

that while congregation members are welcome (and encouraged!) to give feedback and/or share ideas directly with Pastor Dave or Wendy Poch regarding the internship process, they may also feel free to give feedback and share ideas with any member of the Intern Support Team. The following members have very graciously agreed to serve on Spirit of Hope's Intern Support Team: Sheri Giles, Tim Lehnerz, and Sarah West. We thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity and look forward to the process of both our intern and congregation growing and sharing in this spiritual journey together.

CROSSWAYS BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!

The two-year Crossways Course begins this Wednesday night, 7-8:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Bridgeside Building, 11031 So Pikes Peak Dr. lower level, Suite G105. All materials will be handed out at the first class. Spirit of Hope has 17 people committed to this in-depth study of the Bible. If you have any questions or need help finding our meeting location contact Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION

The deadline for registering for this year's youth mission trip is rapidly approaching. The original deadline was this coming Sunday, 1/29. However, to allow for the new church email roll out we are extending the registration deadline to February 12th. Details have been sent to all youth families. Please contact Wendy Poch if you have any questions or to confirm your spot on the trip!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

2/3 MOVIE NIGHT! Poch Home, 7 pm

2/12 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

2/26 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

SPECIAL ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT NEXT MONTH!

Mark your calendars and save the date of Sunday, February 19, 2017, for an all church fellowship event – chili potluck and game event! The event will take place at the home of Susan Spancers. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite chili recipe or a dessert! Bread, crackers, and beverages will be provided. The game of the day is bunko! If you've never played or heard of bunko come find out what you've been missing! More details will come in future newsletters!

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

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 of support and comfort for the victims of terror around the world and that these attacks will cease

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zweygardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

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, 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

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 Zweygardt
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

January income (to date) = **\$8,883**

January expenses (to date) = **\$6,050**

Checking = **\$29,744**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**

Building Fund = **\$92,646**