



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, January 31, we will begin reading chapter 9 of the letter of 1 Corinthians (1 Cor.9:1-18). In this chapter the apostle Paul defends how he conducts his ministry against accusations that he only preached for personal gain. The issue of doing all we can to help unbelievers become believers is a central part of this chapter. Come once again and worship and learning this Sunday at The Schoolhouse gym. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School classes are postponed this week for the annual congregational meeting 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 7.

### **TOMATO PRODUCTS DRIVE ENDS THIS SUNDAY**

January is a five Sunday month and we have been 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. This is the last Sunday that we will collect these items for SECOR until the next five Sunday month (May). 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.

**Electronic copies of the annual report were sent on January 17 along with the 2015 financial report and the proposed 2016 general fund budget. Hard copies of these documents are available from Pastor Dave by request.**

## **BUILDING PROJECT NEWS**

Construction on the building project continues at the construction site, 7060 Ponderosa Drive. Our general contractor, Skarco Design, is overseeing some in ground plumbing that should be completed by early next week. Some of our members have been excavating the holes that will be needed to install the fire suppression water tanks next month. We are also looking at selling the mound of excess top soil to one individual or company that can come and do the removal. If you know of such a person or company, please contact Rodney Pobar at 303-815-9877. Thank you!

## **YOUTH NEWS**

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

**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?"**

**3/5 Prayer Breakfast, Chic-fil-A, 9 am**

**3/6 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "Who is Jesus?"**

**3/20 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "What is Jesus' Message?"**

### ***Important Youth Group Night Date Changes***

Parents and youth: Beginning in March, please mark your calendars with some important date changes to Youth Group Nights.

Traditionally we have met on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Beginning in March we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays as this works better for the church calendar and also avoids conflict with various spring holidays. This means we will have back to back youth group nights on February 28th and March 5th. Be sure to check our upcoming events list as well as our Youth Group Facebook page for more details.

### ***Youth Mission Trip 2016***

#### ***White Mountain Apache Reservation***

Youth going into grade 7 and up next fall, as well as college students and young adults, are invited to join this year's youth mission team. We will be heading back to the White Mountain Apache Reservation to work with our mission partners, Apache Youth Ministries, June 4th through June 11th. The youth will need several more adult chaperones who are willing to drive their vehicles and be a part of our team. The church will sponsor all chaperones, so there will not be a charge for a chaperone's trip. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Poch to be placed on a potential chaperone list. Priority will be given to parents with youth attending, but all adults are welcome to add their name to the list. More detailed information has been sent to youth families. If you would like more information, please contact Wendy.

### **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](mailto:reneenefe@yahoo.com).

Thanks!

### **LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 10**

The spiritual season of Lent will begin this year on February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 here is an update. Ash Wednesday services will take place at 7:00 pm on February 10 at the Ruth Memorial Chapel at The Schoolhouse. Subsequent Wednesday night Lenten fellowship,

**worship and Bible study will take place at a variety of member's homes. Details on dates and location will be published soon. 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 even 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](mailto: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:**

For comfort and peace for the family of Carol Palin's cousin, Karen Kellar, in Minneapolis. Karen passed away on January 16 after an illness and for Carol's former brother-in-law, Jim Slusher, who passed unexpectedly on January 24

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Penelope and Violet Garret, daughters of Cindy and Will Garret, in Utah on Friday, January 22. Penny and Violet are the new granddaughters of Sue and Wayne Schultz. Please pray for strength and health for each of the girls as Penny comes home and Violet stays at the hospital to gain weight

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 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

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) = **\$13,207**  
January expenses (to date) = **\$12,552**  
Checking = **\$21,758**  
Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,157**  
Building Fund = **\$124,157**