



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THURS. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, February 2, we will read Luke's version of the parable of the talents, known in his gospel as the parable of the ten "minas." A mina is three months wages and, in the story, a king gives a mina each to ten servants and tells them to put the money to work. Stewardship of life is a main topic of the parable which is in Luke 19:11-27. Our praise band will lead the singing of contemporary songs for this first Sunday of the month at Spirit of Hope. Come and worship the Lord with gladness this Sunday!

Everything begins this Sunday at 9:00 am with Fellowship at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School is at 11:00 am

THIS SUNDAY'S INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Intergenerational Sunday School resumes this Sunday with a lesson on The Parable of the Workers in Matthew 20:1-16. Pastors Wendy and Dave will cover the theme of God's Grace (and particularly the unfairness of God's Grace) as we also look at Romans 4:1-8. Come and be blessed as we learn together!

MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW

Our midweek Adult Bible Study continues tomorrow night Wednesday, January 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the church facility. We are studying the letter to the Galatians. Probably the most direct of Paul's letters, Galatians stresses the importance of salvation by grace through faith. Tomorrow night we will cover chapter **THREE** of this great letter! Come and be enriched through Bible study!

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The annual meeting of the congregation took place last Sunday, January 26, 2020, following worship. Led and called to order by President John Parsons, the purpose of the meeting was to receive reports from the pastors for the year 2019, the financial report for 2019 and to approve or deny the 2020 general fund budget. All reports were approved and the 2020 general fund budget was unanimously approved. In addition, the church board submitted the following motion at the meeting:

The Congregation of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church approves the accrual of the amount that TOTAL YEAR 2020 "income less Expense & Benevolence" exceeds \$0 to a maximum of \$4000 to be paid to Pastor David Fisher after the completion of 2020, subject to his continued employment/call through at least 12/31/2020.

The church board made the motion as there was no increase in the Senior Pastor's compensation for 2020 and it passed unanimously. Also, to clarify the answer to a question that was asked regarding the outstanding debt the congregation owes to member loan holders, the amount of debt was reduced by the first loan payments in January by the amounts below.

Amount of Promissory Notes at the time of occupancy (8/18/19)
\$1,499,495.

Amount a member forgave and reduced their note by before the end of 2019 was \$18,000.

Of the total \$15,780 paid to the note holders in January (20% of offerings) \$8,929 was principal and \$6,851 was interest.

Amount of Promissory Notes outstanding at the time of the Annual Meeting

\$1,472,566

Anyone who is interested in forgiving a portion of their promissory note to reduce the congregation's debt should speak with Pastor Dave.

2020 CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

Here are the members of the 2020 Spirit of Hope Church Board
John Parsons – President (appointed by Pastor Dave per the by-laws;
serving second year of a two-year term)

Also one year left on term: Bill Byers, Pam Malone

Members serving two-year term: Gary Flora, Carol Palin, Susan Spancers

Appointed Officers: Bud Blazier, Treasurer; Renee Nefe, Financial Secretary

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to outgoing board member Steve Gutknecht!

The offices of vice-president and board secretary will be selected by the board members at their next meeting of February 11.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION APPOINTMENTS

By Pastor Dave

In the past we have arranged for group meetings for our new member orientations at Spirit of Hope. New member orientations are an opportunity for those interested in formal membership at Spirit of Hope to learn more about our history, mission, vision, values and core beliefs. There is no expectation that a person attending an orientation will join. The purpose is to share information.

Given the busy schedules that we keep these days, I want to offer the opportunity for individuals and families to meet with me privately for a new member orientation. Please text or call me at 303-941-0668 or e-mail me at pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org if you are someone you know may be interested. Thank you!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT 2019 GIVING

2019 Financial Giving Statements were emailed out on Friday, Jan. 17th. If you have not received your statement please check your spam folder and/or your spouse's email. If the email did not show up in either of those places, please email reneenefe@yahoo.com for another try. Thank you!

ATTENTION ALL LADIES!!

We are beginning a new ministry, Secret Prayer Sisters! God has given each of us the ability to intercede for one another in prayer and thanksgiving; what a privilege and a blessing! Beginning in February you can join us as we lift one another up in prayer, and to make it a little more interesting she won't know who is praying on her behalf. We will kick off this event with a brunch on Saturday, February 15th between 10 a.m. and noon and draw names of willing secret sisters and begin this new ministry. After a year we will gather again and reveal to our secret sister who has been lifting her up in prayer throughout the year. Please consider joining us in this awesome opportunity to pray for a sister in Christ. Even if you are unable to attend the February brunch you can still join in the fun by completing the attached form and dropping it off in the narthex of the church. Names will be drawn at the brunch and for those unable to attend you will be provided the name and information of your secret sister following the brunch. This is an easy way to become involved and lift up a sister in prayer. If desired, you can send cards anonymously throughout the year letting your sister know that you are thinking of her and interceding on her behalf; think of the joy she will receive knowing that you are praying for her and the joy you will receive as you bless her throughout the year in prayer! Hope to see you at the brunch!

COMING SOON! U.F.O. NIGHT!

Women of all ages are invited to attend our first ever U.F.O. Night on Friday, February 7th at 7 pm. No, we're not getting together to talk about little green men! We are getting together to work on our Un Finished Objects! Instead of signing up for yet "another thing to do", we invite you to bring something you are already working on and work on it while you enjoy Christian fellowship with other women. You can bring a craft, pay your bills, write out cards, you can even fold your laundry! Seriously, anything goes. We will have chocolate, coffee, and conversation as we relax, catch up with one another, and catch up on things we need/want to get done. This event is being sponsored by the Hopeful Spirits and is open to women of ALL ages! Come at 7 and stay for as little or long as you wish. This event is

being planned for the first Friday night of every month. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Gutknecht or Pastor Wendy.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING MINUTES — January 8, 2020

Present: Carol Palin, Renee Nefe, Julie Case, Marie Winkelman, Kandy Parsons, Wendy Poch, Esther Tracey, Ann Carpenter, Sara Gutknecht

Our meeting was opened with a devotion given by Carol Palin.

We identified those in dealing with ill health or bereavement; cards were signed by our members and mailed.

BUSINESS:

The Welcome popcorn packets were placed in a basket...a little nicer than the old brown bag. Sara brought in 7 packets, so we have a good supply...anyone can hand out the welcome packets when we have visitors.

Sara will update an Announcement Bulletin and get it to Wendy...a new one will be available in February.

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE...we made a total of \$533.00. Hopeful Spirits kept \$68.00...Carol Palin took advantage of a good sale for quilt batting and got some for future prayer quilts. We reimbursed her \$30.00.

Our next Craft and Bake Sale will be April 5, 2020.

BLESSING BAGS...147 Blessing Bags were packed at our meeting December 11. The bags have been available since then for members to put in their cars. The remaining bags were divided to go to Mean Street and Denver Rescue Mission.

PRAYER QUILTS...a prayer quilt for Pat Schmidt was prayed over on Sunday January 12—Wendy will deliver it to her. We will be tying and praying over a quilt for Delmer Zweygardt on Sunday January 19.

We will be forming a work group to get started on more prayer quilts.

SECRET PRAYER SISTERS...Kandy will write up information for the Sunday announcements and will make a simple name sheet. This will be announced Sunday January 19; we will have forms available January 26.

We will have a kickoff brunch on Saturday, February 15...1000-1200. Any questions? Ask Kandy or Sara.

**UFO Night...do you have unfinished projects at home? Those projects you started, but could never find the time to finish? Bring them to church and sit and work on them, while sharing fellowship, good conversation, coffee, and maybe treats!
There will not be any Bible study, but we will open and close with prayer.**

We continued with our study from "A Woman of Excellence" ...we discussed discipline...the necessity of discipline; and the areas in our life where we need discipline - our mind, our will, our emotions, our bodies, and our time.

We will continue with this study through June.

Our next meeting will be February 12, 2002; 1330-1530.

Our meeting was closed with prayer, lifting up those in need.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team please contact Pastor Wendy Poch or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. 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 Delmer Zweygardt who is recovering at home from a minor stroke

For Pat Schmidt as she recovers at home from successful back surgery

For Theresa Rader who has a hernia and blood clot condition to be healed

For Pastor Dave's mother-in-law, Anna May Horan, as she continues to heal from pneumonia and prepares for a move to assisted living this week

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 Spirit of Hope mission partners: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, 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
1/22 Penny & Violet Garrett
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson
1/31 Melissa & Jordan Andrews

February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht
2/12 Tom Nefe
2/13 Beth Potthoff
2/26 Steve Howland

February Anniversaries

2/4 Jordan & Melissa Andrews
2/4 Pat & Chris Schmidt

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

January income (to date) = \$13,272

January expenses (to date) = \$6,234

Checking = \$27,314

Money Market = \$29,207 (Reserves = \$10,426 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$17,706*

***Reflects some of the January 2020 loan repayments to members holding promissory notes for the building construction financing.**