



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 3, 2017

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LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER – STARTS 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 3 – 5. The days may be structured in any way that a congregation feels led. The theme for each day is as follows:

January 3 – 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 4 – 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 5 – 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!

This coming Sunday, January 8, Spirit of Hope celebrates Epiphany Sunday. The date of Epiphany (January 6) falls on Friday this year. The theme of the day is the visit of the Magi, or “wise men” to the child, Jesus, in Bethlehem. We will also return to our reading through the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday. Acts 17:16-34 will be the verses covered. The apostle Paul preaches the good news to Greek pagans in the city of Athens. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am followed by worship at 9:30. Sunday classes resume this Sunday at 11:00 am.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SPIRIT OF HOPE

New e-mail addresses are being rolled out this month at Spirit of Hope. Pastor Dave will switch from his current e-mail address to PastorDave@spiritofhopelcmc.org. Pastoral intern Wendy Poch and President Wayne Schultz will also soon have their own church e-mail address. It is hoped that the more specific identification of the church in the address will aid people in finding us.

SPECIAL SECOR TOUR THIS MONTH

Plans are being made for a special “Beyond the Cupboard Tour” at Southeast Community Outreach’s new facility for Wednesday evening, January 18 at 7:00 pm and Thursday afternoon, January 19 at 2:00 pm. Many Spirit of Hope members toured the former facility that was located on the campus of Southeast Christian Church. The newer facility, located about an eighth of a mile north in the Solomon Building, is much more spacious and allows SECOR to serve many more of the suburban poor in our area. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at worship this coming Sunday or you can contact Pastor Dave directly to make an “RSVP!”

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 in December. Please contact the members of the Mission Team (Pastor Dave, Wendy Poch, Tim Lehnerz, or Chuck West) if you are interested in applying.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

1/8 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

1/22 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

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

Youth Families - Mark Your Calendars!

This year's youth mission trip will be of a more local flavor. Details will be coming very soon! For now, mark your calendars for June 25th - 30th! Prior to that trip, we are tentatively planning on Apache Youth Ministries bringing up their students the week of June 3rd-June 11th. While plans will be in flux for that for quite some time, you may wish to mark your calendars for that week as well as we will try to have some special combined youth events and meals that week!

CROSSWAYS COURSE: REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 4TH

Wednesday, January 4th is the last day to sign up for Crossways. Presently there are 8 participants, but there is room for more! Class begins on January 25th. Those who have registered will be contacted in the next few days to confirm details. If you have any questions or would like to confirm your place in this class, please contact Wendy Poch or Sara Gutknecht.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits will occur on Tuesday, January 17, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Sara Gutknecht (20490 Oakbrook Lane, Parker, CO 80138).

CHURCH BOARD NEWS

At the meeting of November 9, the church board recognized the proposed incoming board members for 2017. Current board members

Wayne Schultz, Brad Hoyt and Wendy Poch are scheduled to off the board. Board members Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz have one year remaining on their terms. Spirit of Hope member John Parsons has been nominated to come onto the board. Board members Wayne Schultz and Brad Hoyt have agreed to renew their terms on the board with an option to step down after the completion of the building project. As a point of information Wendy Poch will continue to attend board meetings as part of her student pastor requirements with ILT. She will have voice but no vote and be required to make periodic reports to the board as a part of her internship.

From now until the annual meeting of the congregation in late January or early February (the date has not yet been set) members of the congregation are welcome to submit input to the board as a whole or any individual board members regarding the proposed incoming board members.

GIFTS FROM STOCK TRANSFERS POSSIBLE FOR SPIRIT OF HOPE

End of the year giving is upon us! One way a family may give to the building project is through a gift of appreciated stock. Oftentimes cashing out appreciated stock brings with it capital gains taxes that must be paid. However, gifting that appreciated stock to the church can bring a substantial tax benefit to the donor. Spirit of Hope has set up a mechanism with Scottrade whereby the stock gift can be immediately cashed and deposited into the building account. Please consult a professional tax advisor before making such a gift to confirm that this will work for you. Contact Pastor Dave or Board President, Wayne Schultz, if you wish to make such a gift for more information regarding details of such transactions.

SPECIAL ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT COMING SOON

Mark your calendars and save the date of Sunday, February 19, 2017, for an all church fellowship event – chili potluck and game event! More details will come in this month's 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 President Obama and President-elect Trump as they continue to work to transfer political power over the next few weeks

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

For healing for Dane Zwegardt 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 special prayers of providence for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia to meet their current funding shortfall

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 Zwegardt
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

December income = **\$21,593**

December expenses = **\$11,089**

January income (to date) = **\$1,191**

January expenses (to date) = **\$425**

Checking = **\$33,970**

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

Building Fund = **\$85,290**