



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 30, 2018

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday brings a new month! On February 4 we will continue reading through the gospel of Luke. In Luke 6:1-16 Jesus and His disciples break the overly strict interpretation of the Pharisees regarding the commandment to keep the Sabbath holy by not working. Jesus also calls His core 12 disciples after a night of prayer. Living by the spirit and intent of the law and making prayerful decisions are topics we will touch on this Sunday in worship. Sunday School also resumes this Sunday as we meet for Fellowship at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship follows from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School begins as close to 10:45 am as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES THIS SUNDAY

In an effort to have enough time for classes, Sunday School will begin as soon as possible after 10:45 am during February.

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson on the gospel of John.

Youth meet with Pastor Dave for a class on the gospel of Luke.

Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women. The ladies will soon start a new study on the book of Romans.

Brad Hoyt will lead a General Adult discussion on matters of faith.

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

This last Sunday, January 28, Spirit of Hope held its annual congregation meeting. Forty-one members signed in as President Wayne Schultz led everyone through the published agenda. Actions included reception of the minutes of the last congregational meeting, adoption of the 2018 proposed general fund budget and a report of a newly formed audit team who looked at 2017 transactions within the General Fund. This is the first audit for Spirit of Hope's general fund and the books were found to be in order. Suggestion for improvement to bookkeeping procedures were also made to help the process for treasurer and financial secretary. A presentation was given by Wayne Schultz on the status of the building project. The names of the 2018 Church Board were presented before the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

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

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

CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY

The two-year in-depth study of the Bible, the Crossways Course, continues with classes on Wednesday nights, 7-8:30 pm. Taught by Pastoral Intern, Wendy Poch, the class meets 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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 11 & 25

Pastor Dave will conduct identical new member orientations during the education hour (10:45 – 11:45 am) on the Sundays of February 11 and 25. The one-hour orientations are preparatory to becoming a formal new member at Spirit of Hope. Please contact Pastor Dave if you believe you are called to formally join Spirit of Hope.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14

The season of Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. In a coincidence of the calendar Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 in 2018. Spirit of Hope begins the Lenten season with the traditional solemn service of the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. As in the past few years, the service will take place at the Ruth Memorial

Chapel on Mainstreet (19650 Mainstreet, Parker, CO 80138) at 7:00 pm. Following Ash Wednesday, for the five Wednesday of Lent we will once again have soup supper fellowship in the homes of our members followed by hymn singing and Bible Study. The list of homes and dates will be published in upcoming newsletters. The theme for this Lenten season is "Tools from the Catechism." Each Wednesday we will look at one of the five sections of Martin Luther's Small Catechism along with selected Bible passages to see what insights are provided for Christian living today. Plan now to spend some time in fellowship, worship and study this Lenten season.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

After a meeting with our general contractor, Skarco, a newly revised completion date estimate of May 1 has been given. This is dependent upon receiving the fire department's final approval for the fire suppression system. That approval is expected this week. Once obtained, key components of the system (most notably the fire pump) can be ordered and the installation of the interior piping for the system can begin. In the meantime, other work on the site continues as scheduled. Once all the interior rough work is completed (fire sprinkler piping, HVAC, plumbing, electrical) and passes inspection the rest of the project should move rather quickly. Dry wall, landscaping, sidewalks, pump house construction, interior paint, interior fixtures, cabinetry and flooring will all be installed after passing rough interior inspection. Thank you once more for your prayers for the safe completion of the building project.

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 healing for the mother of our general contractor, Dustin Skarphol. Opal Skarphol is having surgery today (Tuesday) for severe stomach issues. Please pray for a successful surgery and complete recovery

For Wayne Schultz' family as they mourn the loss of Wayne's brother, Linn, last Wednesday in Texas. A memorial service will be held in Texas this coming Saturday

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

For continued healing for Cherri Lusk who is 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) = **\$23,303***

January expenses (to date) = **\$7,267**

Checking = **\$35,055**

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

Building Fund = **\$186,046****

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

Building Fund Contribution

****Reflects \$300,000 draw for contractor on January 26, 2018**