



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of a new month, February 5th! We will continue reading about the third missionary journey of the apostle Paul. A riot nearly breaks out in Ephesus as the gospel becomes more and more threatening to the pagan way of life. Acts 19:21-41 are the verses we will cover. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and the worship service begins between 9:30-9:40 am. Sunday School classes for all ages resume this Sunday at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher for a lesson about Jesus; His life and teachings.

Confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave for a class on the Apostles' Creed.

Youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch for a class on apologetics. Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women from their text, Women of the Bible.

Tim Lehnerz will lead the General Adult study as the class begins a new series by Pastor Chip Ingram, "Why I Believe: Finding Answers to Life's Most Difficult Questions." The video/discussion based curriculum seeks to help understand and articulate why we, as Christians, believe in God, the Bible, Creation, the Resurrection and related topics.

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

This last Sunday, January 29, 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 2017 proposed general fund budget and passage of a By-Law amendment allowing the church board to exceed a general fund budget during the year by 10% before requiring congregational approval at a special meeting. A presentation was given by Wayne Schultz on the status of the building project that included some new challenges that were discovered in the previous two weeks before the annual meeting (see Building Project Update article below). The 2017 Church Board was introduced before the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am with the Lord's Prayer.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

As reported at Sunday's annual meeting the building project has finally received the necessary permitting to move forward, and the concrete floor has been poured and framing will begin soon. However, due to the year-long delay in getting approval for the redesigned fire suppression system from South Metro Fire and Rescue, the over-all cost of the project has increased from last year's now expired contract with Skarco Design. This is a result of inflation in the construction industry over the past year, shifting of some self-perform items in the previous contract to Skarco Design and unanticipated costs associated with the permitting. These increases will require additional member loans and/or contributions. In order for the church to meet payments on a higher loan amount without jeopardizing our ministry budget, current member loan holders were asked if they could accept a longer term on their loans (12 years rather than 9) and a lower percentage of the general fund budget to be used to make loan repayments (no less than 20% rather than no less than 30%); current loan holders have said they can accept this readjustment.

President Wayne Schultz and Pastor Dave will be meeting with our contractor, Skarco Design, this week to discuss the new revised contract. The church board will meet on February 7 to pray, discuss and consider the best options for moving forward, and draft a funding recommendation to be presented to the congregation for approval at a special meeting in the near future. Thank you for your continued prayers on this project.

FAMILY BOWLING/LASER TAG EVENT

Please join us on Sunday, February 12, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Boondocks Parker, 18706 Cottonwood Drive. Elementary through college-aged youth and their families are invited to participate. With admission, each person will receive unlimited bowling (shoes included), laser tag, and a \$10 arcade voucher. Food/drinks may be purchased on your own if you wish. Cost to participate is \$10 per person (normally \$16.95!). Please contact Sheri Giles at dpskgiles@comcast.net or 303-841-7093 for more information and to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

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 CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY!

The two-year Crossways Course continues on Wednesday nights, 7-8:30 pm. The class meets at the Bridgeside Building, 11031 So Pikes Peak Dr. lower level, Suite G105. 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 last Sunday. 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 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:

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 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 missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

2/10 Steve Gutknecht

2/12 Tom Nefe

2/13 Beth Potthoff

2/26 Steve Howland

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

January income (to date) = **\$11,788**

January expenses (to date) = **\$7,768**

Checking = **\$30,969**

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

Building Fund = **\$90,146**