



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 5, 2016

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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 5 – 7. The days may be structured in any way that a congregation feels led. The theme for each day is as follows: January 5 – confession; January 6 – petition; January 7 – vision. Below are some comments about each of the prayers during the three days from the LCMC website:

#### **January 5 – 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.”

Plan to set aside some time on these days of January for some focused prayer to God!

#### **January 6 – 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 7 – 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."

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – BAPTISM OF JESUS**

This coming Sunday, January 10, we will remember the Baptism of our Lord at Spirit of Hope. At Christmas God became one of us in Jesus. At His baptism Jesus identified with us in our struggles against sin and was affirmed as God's Son by the voice of the Father that came from heaven. We will also return to our reading through the letter of First Corinthians this Sunday. Chapter 7 verses 17 – 24 will be covered. The apostle Paul teaches about the accepting the situations that come to us, but also taking the opportunities that God brings our way as well. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and the worship service is at 9:30 am. Regular Sunday School classes resume this week and meet after prayer time at 11:00.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME THIS SUNDAY**

Here is the lineup on Sunday School classes for this Sunday at The Schoolhouse! Kids are in the gym; confirmation students meet with Pastor Dave in the basement in room 003; youth meet with Wendy and Glenn Poch in room 004 in the basement; women's study is in room 100 studying Women of the Bible (this week – Jezebel!); the general adult education class is in room 103 resuming their study, "Culture Shock."

### **TOMATO PRODUCTS DRIVE THIS MONTH**

January is a five Sunday month and we are 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. SECOR has told us that this is the food product they most have trouble keeping stocked. Your donation helps! PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS THIS SUNDAY IN THE BLUE MISSION'S TUB! Thank you!

### **YOUTH NEWS**

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

1/10 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "Is it Religion or Relationship?"

1/24 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8:30 pm, Bible Study Topic: "Why Do Bad Things Happen?"

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?"

### ***High School Sunday School - "Bible Basics"***

Beginning Sunday, January 10th, the High School Sunday School Class will begin a new series on "Bible Basics." Topics will include: How did we get the Bible? How do we know the Bible is true? Bible Anatomy, Bible Organization, and effective ways to study your Bible. This series is designed to help teens effectively answer questions that many people have regarding God's Word. Being able to confidently explain the authority of our scriptures makes us more effective witnesses to those around us. Once those we witness to are confident in the validity of our scriptures the doors can open wide to have conversations about the message of salvation contained within!

### ***Youth Group Nights***

Youth in grades 7 - 12 (and beyond!) are welcome to attend our twice monthly Youth Group Nights. We are continuing our Bible study series "Gospel Journey Maui." Filmed in Maui, Dare2Share's Greg Steir and Zane Black are joined by a participant panel of people of different faiths, including: Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventist, and New Age, to discuss topics such as "What is the Meaning of Life?", "Who is Jesus and What is His Message?", "What Happens When We Die?", "Why are There So Many Religions?" and more! While we focus on the true answers to these questions as outlined in the Bible, we also learn and discuss how other people may view the answers to these questions.

Understanding and respecting where other people are at and what they may believe helps us to be better able to enter into discussions that will allow us to share The Truth (Jesus!) In addition to watching and discussing Gospel Journey Maui, we eat a lot of snacks, play a lot of games, and have a generally good and crazy time! Bring a Bible and bring a friend!

## **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!

## **HOPEFUL SPIRITS**

The next scheduled meetings of the Hopeful Spirits will be Tuesday, January 12, at 2pm at Sara Gutknecht's house and Saturday, February 13, at 10:30 am. Due to a family issue, the meeting on January 12 may not happen, so please watch the newsletter and e-mail notifications. Thank you!

## **GIFTS FROM STOCK TRANSFERS NOW POSSIBLE FOR SPIRIT OF HOPE**

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 already received a gift of stock for the building project. The church board 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.

**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:**

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

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return to his home base of Carl Townsend, U.S. Air Force, grandson of Jack and Jean Huebsch. Carl returned from recently from a deployment to Afghanistan

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 resume 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**

December income = **\$17,526**

December expenses = **\$11,418**

January income (to date) = **\$3,542**

January expenses (to date) = **\$1,000**

Checking = **\$21,885**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,157**

Building Fund = **\$462,016**