



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, AT 303-841-3553.**

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS IS TOMORROW WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1:30 TO 3:30 PM AT THE CHURCH**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

This coming Sunday, January 12, 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. This Sunday we will also continue reading and preaching through the gospel of Luke. In Luke 18:18-30 Jesus has an encounter with a rich man who wishes to inherit eternal life, but has a problem with what Jesus says about the subject. Come learn our Lord's words to this man and Jesus' disciples. 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. A special presentation on last year's Marion Medical Mission trip will be given at 11:00 am. Intergenerational Sunday School will return next Sunday.

## **JANUARY HAPPENINGS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

**LCMC Three Days of Prayer – January 7-9**

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study Resumes January 8**

**January 8 – Lutheran Catechism Class Concludes**

**January 15 to February 19 – Galatians**

**Young Adult Game Night – January 10 (see article below)**

**Marion Medical Mission Trip Share – January 12**

**Annual Congregational Meeting – January 26**

## **LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER**

Once again, the association that Spirit of Hope belongs to, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, is encouraging Three Days of Prayer at the beginning of 2020. Every congregation, member, and pastor of LCMC is invited to join together January 7-9, 2020 for the 8th Annual Three Days of Prayer. The themes for each of the three days are as follows:

**Tuesday, January 7:** 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.

**Wednesday, January 8:** This is a day of petition. Pray for your congregation, for the pastors, 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.

**Thursday, January 9:** 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.

Please plan now to set aside some time for prayer on each of these three days.

### **MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES TOMORROW**

Our midweek Adult Bible Study resumes TOMORROW Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the church facility. That night we will finish the fall study on the Lutheran Catechisms covering Holy Communion and Martin Luther's Table of Duties. On January 15, we will begin a six-week study on Galatians. Come and be enriched through Bible study!

### **YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT – THIS FRIDAY**

Friday, January 10th, 6 pm – 9pm High School students and all youth group graduates are invited to bring a favorite game to play! We will enjoy dinner and time to catch up with one another! This event will take place at the church and is being hosted by the West family. Please RSVP to Wendy West by January 8th.

### **MARION MEDICAL MISSION TRIP SHARE – THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday, January 12, Tiffany Poch, Wayne Schultz and Pastor Dave will share about their trip to Africa in September and October of this year with Marion Medical Mission. Tiffany served on Team 1 and Pastor Dave served on Team 2 in Tanzania. Wayne served on Team 2 in Zambia. Together with other U.S. volunteers and their African partners, Marion Medical Mission installed and dedicated over 3,000 shallow water drinking wells in rural villages of Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania. Come hear what God did! The presentation will be from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm after worship.

### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT 2019 GIVING**

It will soon be time for End of the Year Financial Statements to go out. If you have changed your email address or moved please make sure that our financial secretary Renee Nefe [reneenefe@yahoo.com](mailto:reneenefe@yahoo.com) has your current information so that she can send you your statement. All statements are sent via email unless you do not have an email account.

## **OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE!**

In accordance with Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church By Law B3.01 the church board calls for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, following the conclusion of the 9:30 am worship service at the church facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). The purpose of this meeting will be to officially receive an annual report on the mission, ministries and activities of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church for the year 2019 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2020. An annual report including the proposed 2020 general fund budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

## **2020 CHURCH BOARD NOMINEES**

Nominees have been determined for the 2020 church board. They are Carol Palin, Susan Spancers and Gary Flora. The congregation is invited to give any input to the current church board before their next meeting of January 14, 2020.

**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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 suffered a minor stroke on Monday morning

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

For Pastor Dave's mother-in-law, Anna May Horan, for healing from a cold and some troubling issues with confusion

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 Andrews

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**January income (to date) = \$6,931**

**January expenses (to date) = \$1,050**

**Checking = \$34,332**

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

**Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$23,112**