



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Monday, January 8, 2019

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**WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, AT 303-514-5266.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRITS IS TODAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, AT THE GUTKNECHT HOME FROM 2 – 4 PM!**

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

This coming Sunday, January 13, 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 and preaching through the gospel of Luke. This Sunday we will pick up where we left off in the fall. In Luke 12:1-12 Jesus gives His disciples some warnings and encouragements about living the life of faith that is following Him.

Fellowship Time starts at 9:00 am in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School for all classes is at 10:45 am.

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

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on January 13:

**Confirmation Class** – will be taught by Pastor Dave this Sunday. The class will be on the 10 Commandments and meets in the art room upstairs.

**High School Class** – will continue their curriculum, “The Little Guys,” based on smaller books of the Bible. This Sunday – 2 John! The class meets in the upstairs lobby area.

**Women’s Study** – This class resumes in the upstairs Innovation Lab.

**General Adult Study** – will begin a three Sunday class led by Joseph Ravitts entitled “Taking the Old Testament on Its Own Terms.” This class meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym.

## **2019 CHURCH BOARD NOMINEES**

Nominees have been determined for the 2019 church board. They are Bill Byers, Pam Malone and John Parsons. The congregation is invited to give any input to the current church board before their next meeting of January 15, 2019.

## **SPECIAL APPEAL THANK YOU**

Once more, thanks be to God and THANK YOU to all who responded to our Special Appeal Sunday to close the final financial gap in our building project. Calculating a final total is still in process but the appeal has received more than double what was asked for. God is very good!!! This tremendous outpouring positions us as a congregation to finish this project to the glory of God. Thank you once more for your generous support!!!

## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

*By Pastor Dave*

Progress continues at the building project construction site at 7060 Ponderosa Drive! Wainscot and floor placement in the women’s bathroom, men’s bathroom, adjoining hall and cry room bathroom has been completed. Cleaning and sealing of the tile are all that remain of those areas. Finish work on the interior electrical continues and should be completed soon. The framing for the pump house has been completed. HVAC finish work is schedule to complete this week. Interior dry wall patching and painting is finishing up in the next day or so. As we move forward with the flooring installation there is still a need for volunteer help (tile sorting, cleaning, installing, etc.). A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be out again this coming Sunday before and after worship. You can also contact Rodney Pobar directly to let him know of your availability. Thank you!

## **REVELATION BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TOMORROW**

A Bible study on the book of Revelation begins tomorrow, Wednesday, January 9th. Classes will be held from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the home of Wayne Schultz (until the church facility is available) who will be the host and facilitator. The class requires no preparation or homework and makes liberal use of audio and visual sources to illustrate John's message and visions. A variety of interpretations will be discussed with the supported perspective consistent with Lutheran theology, which holds that the book cannot be understood apart from its historical context and is descriptive of how God works in a world where evil seems to be in control.

## **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 27, 2019, following the conclusion or the 9:30 am worship service at the current meeting facility of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church (Pine Lane Elementary North, 6475 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 2018 and approve or deny the proposed general fund budget for 2019. Also, a vote to call Wendy Poch as an Associate Pastor on an LCMC contract call will be taken. An annual report including the proposed 2019 general fund budget will be sent to the congregation at least one week prior to the date of the annual meeting.

## **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT 2018 GIVING**

It is almost 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.

## **A THANK YOU FROM MEAN STREET MINISTRY**

The following hand written thank you came in the mail from our local mission partner, Mean Street Ministry:

I want to personally thank Spirit of Hope for your on-going support of Mean Street. We truly couldn't do what we do without your support and your prayers. We believe that God has a new, exciting plan that will allow us to help even more families out of homelessness. Your prayers to see God's direction would be appreciated.

**Blessings,  
Mandie Gallagher  
President of the Board of Directors**

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 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 Chrissy Nefe's friend, Matthew, from stage 3, almost stage 4 stomach cancer

For the family of Andy, best friend and roommate of Chad Blazier (Bud Blazier's son), and his family as they say final goodbyes at Andy's graveside service this week

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they fundraise to acquire a permanent facility

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 our church to meet any and all challenges to complete the building project

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

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

January income = **\$7,985**

January expenses = **\$1,339**

Checking = **\$34,870**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$31,197**

Building Fund = **\$11,187\***

**\*Reflects January payment to General Contractor**