



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 9, 2018

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

This coming Sunday, January 14, 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 read the account of Our Lord's baptism in Luke 3:15-22. Worship and preaching will be done by Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch as Pastor Dave and his wife will be on vacation for the weekend. 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 11:00 am.

THIS SUNDAY'S CLASSES AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Kid's meet with Andrea Hoyt for a lesson on the gospel of John.
Youth meet with Intern Wendy for a class on the gospel of Luke.
Wendy West facilitates a discussion for women on the gospel of Luke.
Brad Hoyt will lead a General Adult discussion on matters of faith.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, January 28, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.
Sunday, February 11, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.
Sunday, February 25, Youth Group from 12-2 pm.

AFTER WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM FORMING

This January, Spirit of Hope will be forming a prayer team to offer special prayers for those who desire after the worship service. If you think you may be called to this special ministry, please talk to Pastor Dave. The team will be forming this month with the hope of beginning this ministry in February.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT 2017 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 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.

MISSION FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

The Mission Fund at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church exists to help support short term mission trips for youth and adults in the congregation. The fund offsets costs of youth mission trips in order to make mission opportunities more available to families. For adults, the fund is meant to help those who believe they are called to participate in a short-term mission trip, but may not have all the funds available for that trip to happen. Overseen by the Mission Team on a case by case basis, the mission fund can provide up to 1/3 of the cost of an individual's short-term mission trip costs. Many mission organizations such as our partners at EEMN take applications for the coming year's trips now. Please contact the members of the Mission Team (Pastor Dave, Intern Wendy, Tim Lehnerz, or Chuck West) if you are interested in applying.

EXCERPTS FROM A THANK YOU LETTER

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Mean Street Ministry, let me say a HUGE thank you to all of the supporters of the 2017 Christmas on Colfax event. There were 476 attendees, 136 volunteers, approximately 300 toys were handed out, 80-90 guests requested prayer and 16 filled out a "First Touch" card and are being followed up with. Thank you again for your support and help with

Christmas on Colfax and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in 2018.

Blessings,

Mandie Gallagher, President of the Board

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:

For continued healing for Cherri Lusk from recent abdominal surgery

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

December income = **\$18,474**

December expenses = **\$9,435**

January income (to date) = **\$16,830***

January expenses (to date) = **\$1,140**

Checking = **\$34,709**

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

Building Fund = **\$476,046**

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