



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 1, 2019

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 303-841-3553.**

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

### **NEW CHURCH PHONE NUMBER**

Spirit of Hope now has a new phone number, 303-841-3553. We encourage you to put this number into your contacts and use it to contact the church office and/or pastors. When no one is in the office, the call will be forwarded to the pastor who is on call so that you don't need to remember which pastor is on call! This is also the number to share with friends, family, or neighbors who might like to speak with a pastor or learn more about Spirit of Hope.

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE**

This coming Sunday, October 6, we continue with our sermon series: The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. We are revisiting our founding documents from their biblical foundations. This Sunday Pastor Wendy will preach on our value of "Honoring God with our Lives" using Ephesians 4:17-24 as the biblical text.

Everything starts this Sunday at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School begins in the fellowship area at 11:00 am. Also, THE MISSIONS BOX WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR HOPEFUL SPIRIT BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS (see article below).

### **TREATS AND SNACKS FOR FELLOWSHIP**

We Lutherans like to eat! A lot of great conversations happen when we share food and fellowship together. As such, we are asking for help with food for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet near the goodies where you can sign up to bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Ideally, we would like to have at least three people/families bring something each week. If you don't want to cook or bake, and you don't have time to shop, you can also place a donation in the jar and help provide goodies that way! See Carol Palin for more information.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

Last week we learned about Moses and the burning bush. This week's lesson continues with a discussion about the Ten Commandments that Moses received. Our text this week is Deuteronomy 5:1-21 and Mark 12:28-31. Pastor Wendy will be teaching this week's lesson and all ages from preschool through adults are encouraged to join us!

### **GRAND OPENING/OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3**

The morning worship and fellowship of this Sunday will be especially geared to inviting the Parker community to come learn more about us. The sermon at worship that day will focus on sharing who we are and what we hope to accomplish as a church in the Parker community. Sunday School will be postponed that day as we will host a “Mission and Ministry Fair” in our fellowship area. Everyone in the congregation will be encouraged to meet, greet and converse with guests that day. Further details are coming soon.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Please greet and welcome these new Spirit of Hope members who joined our church family officially on Dedication Sunday, September 22!

Esther Tracy

Melissa and Jordan Andrews

Watch for their directory page which will be available in the narthex/lobby of church soon.

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!**

This class is for those interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope and/or who are considering making Spirit of Hope their new church home. Class runs from 12:15-1:15 (immediately following

Sunday School). Lunch will be provided! Please contact Pastor Wendy to RSVP or if you'd like more information.

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### **SERMON SERIES “The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church”**

As our congregation continues to enter into new ministry opportunities, we return for the next several weeks to our founding documents. Our mission, values, and vision statements will be reflected upon in light of scriptures that support them. The schedule of topics yet to be covered is as follows:

October 6 – The Value of Honoring God with Our Lives

October 13 – The Value of Holding a High View of Scripture

October 20 – The Value of Serving God and Others

October 27 – The Value of Sharing God with Others

November 3 – The Vision of Spirit of Hope

Come as we visit again the mission, values and vision that forms who we are at Spirit of Hope.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS COMING SOON**

Once again Spirit of Hope will participate in Operation Christmas Child sending shoe box size packages with basic items and small toys to needy children all over the world along with a gospel message. Look for more information to come soon!

### **HOPEFUL SPIRITS - September 11, 2019. Meeting minutes.**

Present: Carol Palin, Marie Winkelman, Kandy Parsons, Wendy Poch, Sara Gutknecht.

Devotion given by Carol Palin.

We have not had a meeting for several months...this first meeting in our new church was special. We had a great deal to discuss and plan for the coming year.

POPCORN PACKETS for visitors - we took a few minutes and all helped assemble a good supply for future visitors.

**“ANNOUNCEMENTS” bulletin - This will give details about church happenings, opportunities for participation and fellowship, and who to contact. We discussed what we would like included in this; Sara will put together a rough outline and give to Wendy 9/15 for review...the goal is to have this ready by 9/23.**

**CRAFT and BAKE Sale - December 8...before and after worship. Mark your calendars and start crafting or looking up recipes!! Proceeds will be donated to missions.**

### **BLESSING BAGS -**

**1). We will be putting together small bags to hand out to any homeless who come to our church. These bags will contain directions to SECOR, as well as phone numbers for shelters. Donations of Chapstick, small wrapped snacks, small water bottles, socks, small toiletries would be appreciated. These bags will be assembled at our next meeting on October 9.**

**2). We will be assembling our larger blessing bags for the homeless in December...this will be our 3rd year to do this ...Carol Palin will apply to Thrivent  
For financial assistance.**

**PRAYER QUILTS - We have given 8 prayer quilts over the past years. We have one on standby, but will be looking at making 2 more. Anyone interested in helping with this, please contact Pastor Wendy, Kandy or Carol.**

**BANNERS - Carol Palin will be coordinating this.**

**CHRISMONS - We will have a MUCH larger Christmas tree this year...we will need many more CHRISMONS than we have made in the past. We will be getting together to make CHRISMONS October 12 and November 9...9 am to 12 noon both days.**

**We hope to have kits available for those interested in making CHRISMONS, but are unable to join us. Please let Sara know if you are coming or if you want a kit.**

**Also, if anyone has supplies for making CHRISMONS, please let Sara know.**

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS—**

**SECRET SISTERS PRAYER PARTNERS** - information will be coming out about this in December, with a brunch/lunch planned for January.

**SCRAPBOOKING /CARDMAKING** - we are looking for anyone in our church who might be interested in starting an activity involving these.

**UFO night** - Who has an unfinished project at home? Get together for coffee, chocolate and conversation and work on your project for a couple of hours. Or just come and indulge in goodies and conversation. This will start in January...date TBD.

We will continue our study “A Woman of Excellence “ in October. Bias told Ruth she was “a woman of excellence “. Ruth 3:11. What is a woman of excellence? Is it even possible to be a woman of excellence? Come join us as we study the Word.

We closed our meeting with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1330-1530 AT CHURCH.**

**SAVE THE DATE! HOPEFUL SPIRITS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA!!!**

## **UPDATE FROM THE MISSION FIELD!**

Please pray for Pastor Dave and Wayne Schultz as they prepare to leave for Africa this Friday! Out in the field, Tiffany and the entire MMM team is asking for prayer over the entire area that they are serving (Tanzania, Zambia, and Malawi). They have been experiencing very heavy rains. It is not yet the rainy season, which usually begins in November and is why wells are installed in September and October. There has been widespread flooding. Tiffany described seeing cattle standing in water up to their bellies. The roads are very muddy, when passable at all. God is still working miracles and wells are still being installed, but the work is challenging. Also, Tiffany is still sick and prayers are still appreciated on that front as well. All of that said, Tiffany is doing well and is experiencing tremendous joy in serving in Tanzania! She thanks you for praying for MMM, the teams, and for her.

## **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY IN 2020?**

Our mission partner, East European Missions Network (EEMN) has now opened registrations for mission trips to eastern Europe during the summer of 2020. In years past, Spirit of Hope has sent people to serve the Tartu Academy of Theology (another one of our mission partners!) through EEMN in Estonia for their English Language Camps. You can learn more about the trips (including other countries that you can serve in) by clicking here: <https://www.eemn.org/2020-short-term-missions/>. Please know that Spirit of Hope is able to help provide some financial assistance to those who feel called to serve. So, please do not let finances keep you from sharing the love of Jesus with those who need to know His love! If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy.

## **LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING IS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is taking place this week in Omaha, Nebraska. The gathering, which is more like a family reunion than a convention, runs from the evening of September 29 to the afternoon of October 2. The theme of this year's gathering is "Listen Up!" Keynote speakers will be challenging congregations to listen to God and each other as we seek to accomplish God's mission in our day and age. Associate Pastor Wendy Poch is this year's delegate representing Spirit of Hope during the brief business meetings of the gathering. Please pray for her and the other delegates, speakers, presenters, and visitors. LCMC is an international association of Lutheran Churches consisting of 950 congregations worldwide. To find out more visit [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net).

## **MISSION MOMENTS FOR OCTOBER - OUR MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY – NEW ARTICLE**

**By Pastor Dave**

The mission statement of Spirit of Hope is: *Using the Bible as our foundation we will honor God by growing in faith and love, sharing Jesus and giving generously.* One of the ways that we can accomplish that mission is by intentionally practicing and promoting a climate of hospitality. During October the Mission Moments at the beginning of worship will lift up and expand on the following tips and pointers to help us foster a climate of hospitality.

- (9/29/19) Watch for people who are new to you. Greet and introduce yourself and thank them for coming to visit us. Be yourself but don't overwhelm them.
- (10/6/19) Ask them the basic questions we all use when getting to know someone.
- (10/13/19) Answer any questions they have about Spirit of Hope as best as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question, let them know you will find out, and then follow up.
- (10/20/19) As you meet and reconnect with your friends, introduce guests to other people. Try not to stand in a circle with your backs to guests. This unintentionally can give a signal to guests that they're not welcome.
- (10/27/19) Respect a guest's desire for privacy. This can especially happen if a guest is seated alone in the sanctuary. They may want some solitude to pray, meditate and get ready for worship. If after greeting a guest you sense they may want to be undisturbed, tell them how nice it was to meet them and offer to help them if they have need before excusing yourself.

Being intentional about being welcoming does ultimately foster that climate of hospitality that we all appreciate and in which people can receive the love of God in Jesus.

### **CREATING CHRISMONS ON OCTOBER 12TH AND NOVEMBER 9TH**

What are Chrismons, you ask? Chrismons are special white and gold Christmas ornaments that tell the story of Jesus, including His promise from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Chrismons are also a very special and unique part of our Lutheran heritage! Now that we are in our new church building, we will have a much larger Christmas tree in our sanctuary. As such, we need to make a lot more Chrismons! The Hopeful Spirits will be organizing two Saturday mornings, one on October 12th and another on November 9th where we will gather to make Chrismons from 9 am - 12:00 noon. This event is not just for ladies and no skills are required! All are welcome and many willing hands are needed. Instructions will be provided. Come and join us for a fun morning of fellowship as we prepare to make our first Advent in our new sanctuary extra special and create beautiful ornaments that will be a part of our

congregation's history for generations to come. Please contact Sara Gutknecht for more information.

### **NEED FOR THE SACRISTY**

The Sacristy is the room in the northwest corner of our facility where worship supplies are stored and where the sacrament of communion is prepared. There is still a need for some temporary free-standing shelving for this room so that we can open boxes of supplies and get them organized. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you have these items and can give or loan them to the church. Thank you.

### **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020**

According to the by-laws of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church “(B1.01) There shall be six lay members of the Church Board, who shall be selected by unanimous decision of the Church Board. Eligible members may volunteer or (with their consent) be nominated by any confirmed member no later than three months prior to the annual meeting.” What this means is that any confirmed member of the congregation may volunteer themselves or nominate another confirmed member (with that member’s consent) to serve on the board. Our current church board is scheduled to replace three of its six members in January 2020. Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Gary Flora are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Bill Byers and Pam Malone are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. Church Board terms are normally two years in length. If you would like to be considered for the board or nominate someone for consideration, please contact any board member, Pastor Wendy or Pastor Dave in writing (letter or e-mail) between now and October 31. After October 31 those nominated will go through the vetting process described in the by-laws before being selected by the board before the next annual meeting.

**Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team 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 safe travel and effective mission work to be done by Tiffany Poch, Wayne Schultz and Pastor Dave Fisher in Africa this month.



Thanksgiving for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they prepare to move into their new facility in November and continue fundraise to make loan payments

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)**

### **October Birthdays**

10/8 Wayne Schultz  
10/12 Jean Huebsch  
10/12 Marissa Lehnerz  
10/23 Rodney Pobar  
10/25 Loreena Hoyt  
10/25 John Parsons

### **October Anniversaries**

10/4 Rodney & Peggy Pobar  
10/7 Ramie & Kasja Larson  
10/30 Bill & Cheri Lusk

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

September income = **\$33,134**

September expenses = **\$9,066**

Checking = **\$41,651**

Money Market = **\$29,190 (Reserves = \$10,409 Dedicated = \$18,781)**

Building Fund = **\$41,092**

Building Loan Interest Escrow = **\$2,534**