



## Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, October 13, 2021

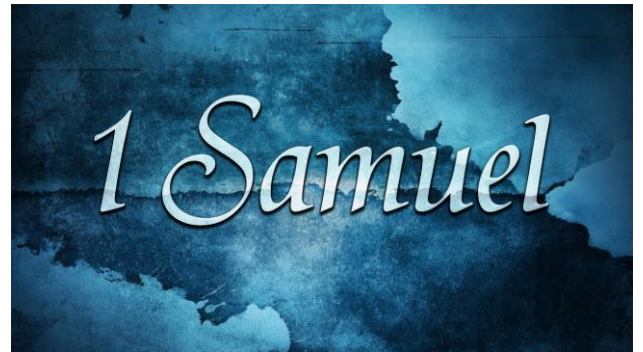
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### THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This week we will catapult through the Old Testament as we move into 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on 1 Samuel 3:1-21 in which God calls Samuel into prophetic ministry as a young boy.

There is much that God reveals to us through His Word regarding how we are to hear His voice and discern His call. Come and be blessed by God as we hear from His Word, receive His Holy Supper and sing hymns of praise together with the praise band.



After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Then at approximately 11:00 we will we will have Sunday School for both youth and adults. The adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall to watch and discuss episode five of The Chosen. Elementary youth will meet with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy and will be learning more about listening to God.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Bible Study: Christ in the Old Testament (led by Ken Carpenter)

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 11:30 am Stephen Ministry Leader Training

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Worship, 11:00 am Sunday School

## **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Digging Deeper with Pastor Wendy

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Hopeful Spirits (Women's Ministry)

## **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Village Inn

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Bible Study: Heroes of the Faith – Inquiring Heroes

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday 11:30 – 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday - Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**\*\*A very special thank you to Renee Nefe who covered office hours Wednesday – Friday last week while Pastor Wendy was away at the LCMC Annual Gathering!**

## **HOPEFUL SPIRITS THIS TUESDAY!**

This Tuesday at 1:30 pm, the Hopeful Spirits will be meeting at the church and will be resuming their study on "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". We will also set a date to conclude our Secret Sisters program

with a celebration brunch. Women of all ages are welcome and you do not need to have attended a Bible study session in the past to be blessed by the study as each week is a stand-alone lesson. Please, come and join us!



## **SPIRIT OF HOPE FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mark your calendars for a fabulous fellowship and outreach event!

### **CHILI COOK-OFF 11:30 am**

The SOH Chili Cook-off is BACK!

Church members will taste and vote.

**Awesome prize for the winner!**

### What else will be at the Fall Festival???

After lunch, we will set up a community outreach event (and a continued time of fellowship for SoH members). This will include a **“TRUNK OR TREAT”** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm; **OUTDOOR GAMES** such as cornhole, Can Jam, Bocce Ball, and Ladder Golf; **KID’S CRAFT STATION** with pumpkin decorating and fake “tattoos”; **FAMILY FUN PHOTO BOOTH** to take pictures with family as well as friends old and new; **SECOR FOOD DRIVE** to collect Thanksgiving themed foods such as cranberries, boxed potatoes and stuffing, canned vegetables, etc. Please help us reach families in our community as we have some good old-fashioned while we share the love of Jesus! It’s especially important to have members decorate their cars, yourselves and bring candy for our Trunk-or-Teat event! Let’s make memories together as a family of God!



### THE BLESSINGS OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ’s commandment to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Lay people nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church. 100% of the training Stephen Ministers need will be provided.



## **THANK YOU TO OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS!**

As the seasons are changing quickly, Spirit of Hope would like to thank everyone who has helped to maintain our building and grounds during this past season. While there are many people who have helped, a very special thank you goes to Carl Winkelman, who has headed up these efforts, and also to Jim Elliott, Marvin Gates, Doug Kleven, Chuck West, Carol Palin and Bill Byers. Thank you, also, to Gary Flora who serves as the Church Board Liaison for buildings and grounds and to everyone else who has helped (there are so many of you – thank you!). Taking care of our building and grounds so that our property is both safe and welcoming is an incredibly important ministry of the church. God is glorified through the work you have done. Thank you!

## **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!**

Mark your calendars for the following holiday happenings at Spirit of Hope. Stay tuned for details!

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| <b>Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Reformation Day/Fall Festival<br/>(details above!)</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>OCC Shoebox Packing Party &amp;<br/>Christmas Tree Decorating (after worship)</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship &amp;<br/>Pie Fellowship</b>                            |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>6:00 pm Advent Dinner<br/>7:00 pm Advent Worship<br/>(Holden Evening Prayer Service)</b> |
| <b>Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>OCC Warehouse Event 10 am – 2:30 pm</b>  |
| <b>Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Advent Gingerbread Event</b>   |
| <b>Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship</b>  |

## **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022**

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 2022. Susan Spencers, Carol Palin, and Gary Flora are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Steve Gutknecht and Sheri Giles 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 or Pastor Wendy 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.

## **NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON!**

Spirit of Hope is in the process of creating a new and updated directory. Please send an updated photo (especially if your current photo is more than three years old) and contact information (name, emails, cell phone number, home phone number, etc.) to Rene Nefee at [reneeneffe@yahoo.com](mailto:reneeneffe@yahoo.com). If you have photos of recent events at Spirit of Hope, please send them to Pastor Wendy. Due to recent events at Spirit of Hope, we are extending the deadline through September.



## **NEW MEMBERS CLASS**

Are you interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope? Come attend a new member class! During the class, Pastor Wendy will walk you through Spirit of Hope's history and core beliefs, answer any questions about Spirit of Hope, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, or any theological questions you may have. Participants will be given a new member packet. If you would like to be an official



member, you can turn the packet in. If you're not sure, you can just hold on to it. Please know that while you need to be a member to vote at congregational meetings or to serve on the Church Board, you are still welcome to fully participate in congregational life without

formal membership. Pastor Wendy is happy to set up a new member class for you and/or your family at a time that works well for you. Just let her know!



## **CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Join us tonight at 7:00 pm for our final study on Christ in the Old Testament!

## **DIGGING DEEPER WITH PASTOR WENDY**

**TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm**  
**LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY**

Join Pastor Wendy on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm as we dig deeper into the text from Sunday. If time allows, we will also take a peek at the upcoming text as well. are welcome to bring a lunch!



## **UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**TUESDAYS From 12:00 – 1:00 PM:**

**Digging Deeper with Pastor Wendy**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM:**

10/13 Christ in the Old Testament  
10/20 – 11/17 Heroes of the Faith: Inquiring Heroes (Samuel, the Canaanite Woman, Nicodemus, the Ethiopian Eunuch, and the Magi)

### **SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP**

Adults: 9/12 – 11/14 The Chosen  
Elementary Class: Narrative Lectionary Story of the Day  
\*No Sunday School on 10/31 as we will be hosting our Fall Festival!



### **FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

**(The Lutheran Confessions):**

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

The Apostles' Creed is made up of three articles: one for the Father, one for the Son, and one for the Holy Spirit. As such, we must first address the Holy Trinity as a whole.

### **FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM**

**“What Does the Word *Trinity* Mean?”**

**“It means three in one. The Church has used the word *Trinity* to maintain the Bible’s witness that the Father, Son, and Spirit are three distinct persons and yet are one God. This is the greatest mystery of the Christian Faith.” (SC, Question 110).**

**From “What Luther Says” (A Supplemental Writing by Martin Luther)**

**“We should stay with the true, ancient belief that there are three distinct Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – in the eternal Godhead. This is the most sublime and the first article of the Christian faith...We call it the article of the Holy Divine Threeness. But to say that God is threefold is very poor language, for in the Godhead the highest Oneness exists. Some speak of a Threeness (*Dreiheit*), but this expression is ridiculous.**

**“Augustine, too, complains that he has no fitting word for the mystery. I may not say that there are three gods as there are three men or three angels. Rather I must say that there is only one eternal God. To be sure, a threeness does exist in the Godhead, but this**

threeness exists in the Persons of the one Godhead. Not three Gods, not three Lords, no three Creators, but one God, one Lord, one Creator, or as we are wont to say: One divine Essence and yet three distinct Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I call this Being a Threeness (*ein Gedrittes*), for a threefoldness sounds strange. I cannot give this Being a fitting name.” (WLS ~ 4450)



**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org)  
*Jesus said; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*



### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** **By Pastor Wendy**

Precious Lord, we cannot possibly comprehend the depth of who you are or your love for us. Yet, you have revealed yourself to us according to your desires. Forgive us for valuing our own attempts at knowledge and understanding over trusting in your love for us. Lord, help us to be still and know that you are God. Help us to hear your voice, to trust in you, and focus our hearts and minds on your Truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

Please pray for...

Kandy's cousin, Diane, whose husband Larry went to his eternal home on Monday night. Please pray for all of the extended family.

Herb and Ben P. who are grieving that the Lord has called Beth home.

Rebecca S. who is fighting breast cancer.



Lavonne Z. as she and her family grieve the death of her husband, Delmer.

Jerry R., friend of a member of our congregation, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Sara G. as she goes through intensive chemotherapy.

Janie S. who has been diagnosed with a mass on her pancreas. Janie is undergoing chemo in preparation for surgery. Please pray that the chemo is successful so that further treatment can continue.

For James W. who is at Marine boot camp.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement.

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, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Apache Youth Ministries, LCMC Disaster Relief, Tartu Academy of Theology, Marion Medical Mission.

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Compassion International, SONetwork, Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse, the Institute of Lutheran Theology, Stephen Ministry.

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  
2/17 Chris Schmidt  
10/22 Esther Tracy  
10/23 Rodney Pobar  
10/25 Loreena Hoyt  
10/25 John Parsons



### **October Anniversaries**

10/4 Rodney & Peggy Pobar  
10/7 Ramie & Kasja Larson

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

**October Income (to date) = \$12,552**

**General Fund Offerings = \$9,695**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$700**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$2,157**

**Other Income = \$**

**October Expenses = \$2,907\***

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$33,429**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$38,972**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$104,256**

**\*Includes \$1,000 of benevolence carry-over/discretionary funds as an extra gift to Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Also includes approximately \$1,250 worth of new banners for the sanctuary which have been purchased in memory of Delmer Zwegardt.**