



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 19th, AT 303-841-3553.

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

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, October 20th, 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 **“Serving God and Others”** using Philippians 2:3-11 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

This week's lesson at our all-inclusive intergenerational Sunday School program is about David entering Jerusalem and celebrating in the Lord. Our texts are 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; 6:16-22; and Mark 1:8-10. Pastor Wendy will be teaching this week's lesson and all ages from preschool through adults are encouraged to join us!

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 12:15-1:30 (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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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.

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. ***We invite everyone who is interested and able to bring an appetizer or “finger foods”*** to share so that we may munch while we mingle and share and also learn about the missions and ministries at Spirit of Hope.

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.

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.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits will be on Wednesday, November 13th (not November 6th as was published last week) from 1:30-3:30 at the church.

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

UPDATE FROM THE MISSION FIELD!

Tiffany Poch will be arriving back in Parker late this afternoon! She spent 5 weeks in the mission field serving in Tanzania and Malawi with Marion Medical Missions and also the Kuwala Girl’s School. Please continue to pray for Pastor Dave and Wayne who are serving in Tanzania and Zambia respectively. The work they are doing is challenging and the conditions have been less than ideal due to the rainy season beginning early. Pastor Dave has asked for prayer support as he has not been feeling well for the last few days. Pastor Dave and Wayne are scheduled to return to Parker late in the day on October 28th.

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/2020short-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! No experience is needed! If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy.

MISSION MOMENTS FOR OCTOBER - OUR MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

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.

CHRISMONS ON SATURDAY, 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!

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.

If you would like a kit, complete with supplies and instructions, that you would be willing to work on at home, please see Sara Gutknecht or contact Pastor Wendy.

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 Spencers, 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 Wendy Poch at 303-841-3553 or 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."

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

(As of 10/1. This will be updated after Pastor Dave returns).

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