



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday, October 23, we will read Acts 16:6-15 in worship at Spirit of Hope. The second missionary journey of Paul continues as he and his companions, Silas and Timothy, cross into Europe to spread the good news of God's love in Jesus. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am in the cafeteria of Pine Lane Elementary South and worship is at 9:30 am Sunday School classes for all ages follow at 11:00 am!

SUNDAY CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Here is the lineup of classes for Sunday School this coming Sunday:
Kid's class – Andrea Hoyt will teach the kids about Jesus; His story and His teachings.

Confirmation Class – Pastor Dave continues his classes on the story of the Bible.

High School youth class on apologetics will be taught by Wendy and Glenn Poch. Timely topics are being covered in this class!

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West study the book *Women of the Bible* concentrating on women in the New Testament this fall.

General Adult Study is led by Joseph Ravitts who concludes a three Sunday class on apologetics and understanding the perspectives of unbelievers.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

10/19 Prayer and Pie Night! 7-8:30 pm, Village Inn

10/23 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

10/28-29 Feed My Starving Children Family Friendly Service Opportunity (see sign-up information in article below.)

11/6 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm
11/20 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm
12/9-10 St. Nicholas Weekend (4 pm Friday - Saturday afternoon -
exact time TBD)

CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Feed My Starving Children

For the third year in a row, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will be participating in Feed My Starving Children's Mobile-Pack event which is held at Parker United Methodist Church. We have reserved 20 volunteer spaces on Friday, October 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm and 20 spaces on Saturday, October 29th from 9-11 am. Everyone from age 5 to 105 can volunteer to serve! Come on your own or bring the whole family! No experience is needed. Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday, October 2nd. Last year we filled up fast and started a waiting list, so sign up early if you'd like to have a spot guaranteed.

Volunteers should plan on arriving 15-20 minutes earlier than their scheduled packing time and need to wear close-toed shoes. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Wendy Poch.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

Hopeful Spirits Meeting October 11, 2016

Attendees: Pastor Dave, Andrea Hoyt, Jean Huebsch, Kandi Parsons, Carol Palin, Susan Spancers, Sue Schulz, and Sara Gutknecht.

Our meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Dave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Directory - Renee says the directory is ready to be printed; just need to figure out the funding. Pastor Dave will check to see if there is any funding available to help with this.

Craft/Bake Sale - this was held on October 16th at church; we had a great turnout of crafts and baked items. No one should have gone home with their sweet tooth unsatisfied!!

Renee said we received \$331.00 in donations. This is earmarked for mission funding.

Prayer Quilt - one on standby

Pine Lane Elementary - Pastor Dave spoke re: outreach to the teachers at Pine Lane. On November 8th, Pastor Dave and Sara will take cookies to the school at 10:00 am - it is a teacher work day. We will have some information re: Spirit of Hope to leave with the cookies. We will ask for any baked donations to be brought to the church November 6th - these will be taken to the school on the 8th. We will see how this goes and then discuss future ways to outreach the school. One possibility is sponsoring a family for Christmas....more information on that to come.

Prayer List - As a group, we spoke with Pastor about our availability to help our members, should the need arise. We felt that this request should come through Pastor. He took all our cell numbers and made a group chat, so we can all be reached if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blessing Bags - Thanks to Carol Byers and Joseph Ravitts for donations for the blessing bags.

Kandi was able to get Thrivent funding to help with getting items for the bags; that money will be coming in the next week or so. We will be assembling the bags at the November meeting.

Chrismons - It is time to think about the Christmas tree!! We will be working on some Chrismon decorations at the November meeting.

Reverse Advent Basket - Sara saw this idea on Facebook and thought it sounded like a good idea to share. Starting December 1st, one food item is put in a basket; on December 24th, the basket of food items is taken to a homeless shelter or donated where there is a need. Our group found this an interesting concept and discussed donating our 'baskets' on Christmas Eve.

Book Talk - In January, we will begin to have a short review of a Christian based book; fiction or nonfiction. This will not be a Bible study, but a way to share some helpful books that are out there.

Cookie Exchange - We actually never got to discussing this - too much to talk about!! - but we could plan on having a cookie exchange at our December meeting; along with some hot apple cider and maybe bring spouses? Think about this and we will talk about it in November.

Sara presented a devotion and the rest of the meeting time was spent making houses out of old Christmas cards. Carol Palin came prepared with supplies and directions and taught us. Thanks to Carol.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at Sara's house.

NEW UPDATE FROM TIFFANY POCH

The trip is officially more than halfway over! The first half has gone by so fast and I know the second half will go by even faster.

I am currently staying at a hostel in Granada for debrief!! The city is STUNNING. We arrived today and will be here through Thursday.

Debrief is an opportunity to rest and replenish so we can enter the second half of our trip with more energy. Someone on staff at Adventures in Missions flew out to meet us and will lead some sessions for our team. We also have plenty of time to explore the city, rest, spend time with the Lord, and laugh. So far it has been a blast! Last week we did our normal ministry. I helped in the school's cafeteria, washed walls at the CICRIN campus (side note- throwing the water on the wall at just the right angle is an art form. If done wrong you tend to get a little wet...), pulled weeds on a property that a new church is being built on, and did a prayer walk. I did do five days worth of ministry but I forgot what the other one was...

The prayer walk was great. We ended up bonding with some kids at a playground. Afterwards we kept walking and stopped at a store. Two of the kids we had bonded with were walking home and found us at the store. They talked with us for at least a half hour about all their cute five year old problems! They also told us about all of their neighbors and their relatives. It was precious! We asked them to point out the direction to the nearest bus stop, but they offered to lead us there! Or so we thought... We ended up at one of their homes and got to meet one of the kid's mom and little brother. It was a great day that we will never forget!

During the week we have an activity hour for the kids at CICRIN. Activity hour always looks a little different, but the goal is to provide a time where the kids can just be kids and have fun, all the while creating good relationships with them. The kids are very sweet but they have been through a lot. Connecting with them has been somewhat of a challenge for the majority of us. However, this last week many of us (myself included) felt that we had breakthroughs with the kids. Our activity hour time was wonderful this week, and one of the smaller girls opened up to me (using my very limited Spanish vocabulary) about some of her story. This last week was very encouraging!

On Saturday a few girls from my team and I went to hike to a waterfall on the island! The hike up was quite steep but it was completely worth it when we got there. It was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen!

Please pray for continued good relationships between the kids and our team in the weeks to come. Also, prayers that this week (debrief) will rejuvenate and replenish us for the next half of our trip would be greatly appreciated! God bless you all!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CONTINUES

Spirit of Hope continues its participation 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. We are collecting items and shoeboxes DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER! **Information on items to pack is available at the following Operation Christmas Child link:**

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

THERE WILL BE A TABLE IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA EACH SUNDAY TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATION OF BOXES OR SUPPLIES!

CHOIR CONTINUES REHEARSALS ON THURSDAYS

The Spirit of Hope Choir rehearses Thursdays at the home of Jackie Dillon (9071 Apache Plume, Apt C, Parker, CO 80134) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Led by Brenda Reinicke and accompanied by Stacy Fahrion the choir can always add your voice to those making a joyful noise to the Lord! We are especially in need of sopranos this season. Please contact Brenda for more information at brendar4flute@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATIONS FOR SECOR THIS MONTH

October is a five Sunday month! The blue mission tub is near the entrance to the cafeteria where we worship each Sunday to receive your donations of tomato products and paper goods for SECOR. Thank you!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016

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 2017. Wendy Poch, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz 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 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 chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

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:

Continued prayers for effective work and witness for Wayne Schultz and fellow members of this month's Marion Medical Mission teams in Africa

Prayers of comfort for the Howland family as they mourn the recent death of Nancy's stepfather

Prayers for Tiffany Poch as she continues three months of mission work in Nicaragua

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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
10/27 Melissa McLaughlin

October Anniversaries

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

Correction: October's Anniversaries incorrectly stated that John and Kandy Parson's anniversary is on October 31. It is actually on March 31. I apologize for the error. Pastor Dave

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

October income (to date) = **\$21,864***

October expenses (to date) = **\$5,415**

Checking = **\$26,330**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**

Building Fund = **\$124,237**

***Includes \$10,000 donation to be transferred to the Building Fund**