



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org Also visit us on the web at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org.
(Presently, Pastor Dave is on a mission trip. In his absence, please contact Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. Pastor Dave will be available after October 12th.)

PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 6th, AT 303-514-5266.

Pastor Janet Miller (303-325-6459) will be on call for pastoral emergencies from Sunday, October 7th through Wednesday, October 10th while both Pastor Dave and Intern Wendy are away. Intern Wendy returns late in the evening on October 10th.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday Guest Pastor Craig Lanning will be preaching and leading worship as both Pastor Dave and Intern Wendy will be away. The Biblical texts for this Sunday will be Mark 10:2-16 and Ephesians 5:21-6:4. Pastor Lanning will be preaching on the topic of marriage. You certainly don't have to be married to engage in these texts as the concepts apply to the church as well as other avenues of life. After worship, Pastor Lanning will lead a cross-generational Sunday School hour where he will talk about his work with Focus on the Family. All regular Sunday School classes will be in recess and will resume on Sunday, October 14th. Fellowship begins at 9:00 am, Worship begins at 9:30 am, and Sunday School begins at 10:45 am. Presently we are meeting at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All Regular Sunday School classes are in recess this week. Please join us for a cross-generational Sunday School hour with Pastor Craig Lanning as he discusses all the latest ministry happenings at Focus on the Family.

YOUTH NEWS!

Up Coming Youth Events

October 4: Bring Your Bible to School Day

October 14: Fear Factor/Faith Factor

Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

Bring Your Bible to School Day - October 4th

For the fourth year in a row, we are inviting students in elementary school through college to bring their Bibles to school with them on October 4th as part of the nation-wide Bring Your Bible to School Day. This event, sponsored by Focus on the Family, is to encourage students to be comfortable with their faith, remind students and families that we do have a legal right to bring Bibles into the school and to read them and/or share them during free periods (in between classes, before/after school, lunch, study halls, etc.). This day also provides an opportunity for students to be asked questions about their faith - giving students the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with their classmates. Students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to school on October 4th, and to read them as opportunity allows throughout the day. If you would like more information about Bring Your Bible to School Day, you can learn more here:

<http://www.bringyourbible.org/>

We encourage all members and friends of Spirit of Hope to pray for our youth throughout the day on Thursday, October 4th as they go to school with their Bibles as a witness for Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR MMM MISSION TRIP

Africa Trip sponsored by Marion Medical Missions

Wayne Schultz, Tiffany Poch, Rodney Pobar, and Pastor Dave Fisher are presently serving on a month-long Marion Medical Mission trip. They left on September 14th and will return to Denver on October 12. Two teams will try to help install 2,900 clean water drinking wells in the name of Christ before the end of October. The Spirit of Hope

members of the trip will be on Team 1. Presently, Tiffany and Pastor Dave are serving on two different teams in Tanzania, Wayne is serving in Zambia, and Rodney is serving in Malawi.

UPDATE: All four team members are now serving solo. While each originally had partners, the partners have all decided to split so that they can work on twice as many wells. Therefore, each of our members is doing all of their own driving, leading the worship/dedication services, logging in all required information for MMM, hauling pipes with their work crew and leading and providing for the work crew that is with them. They are averaging 11-15 wells per day! Please continue to keep our team in your prayers. In particular, the team has been asking for prayers for physical strength, endurance, and safety. Thank you.

Marion Medical Mission Trip - Facebook Prayer Group

A temporary Facebook group has been set up those interested in praying for our MMM team. Paste this link into your browser if you'd like to get daily team updates:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/611832595879692/?multi_permaLinks=611834015879550%2C611833822546236-if_id=1536637618952607-if_t=group_activity

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING – Des Moines, IA, October 7th-10th

This year's LCMC Annual Gathering will be held at the Hyvee Hall in Des Moines, IA from October 7th – 10th. Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch will be representing Spirit of Hope as a voting delegate and will attend business meetings, lectures and programs. The theme for this year's conference is "Growing Up" and has been advertised with the following description: "It is time for our churches to 'grow up' and become mature, hearing the call for every member to carry out the work of ministry as God has designed His Church to do." The event will be live-streamed. In addition, sessions will be recorded and made available for viewing at a later date. Live-stream and other information can be found here: www.lcmc.net. Intern Wendy will still be available via email, phone, and text and will be working remotely. **Pastor Janet Miller (303-325-6459) will be on call for pastoral emergencies while both Pastor Dave and Intern Wendy are away.**

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019

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 2019. John Parsons, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spencers, Steve Gutknecht and Gary Flora 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.

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!

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266 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 an effective mission and for the safety of our Marion Medical Mission Team: Pastor Dave, Wayne Schultz, Rodney Pobar and Tiffany Poch.

For Sara Diederich who was hit by a car while crossing the street and has a fractured pelvis and knee. Please pray for her extended family as well.

For Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and the church leaders that will be coming in from around the world to meet in Des Moines, IA. May the gathering be a time of unity, fellowship, good business, and growth as LCMC looks to the future.

For prayers of praise and thanksgiving at the safe arrival of Steve and Sara Gutknecht's new grandson, Eric Thomas Gutknecht!

For Susan Spancers as she grieves the loss of her pet and sweet companion, Ginger.

For DeDe's sister, Karen Goerler, who is currently in Cherry Creek nursing home for rehab to recover from a compression fracture in her back

For healing for Beth Potthoff's best friend Shelly who has had a return of cancer. Please pray for healing and good decisions for treatment

For Cathy Morano's family at the loss of Cathy's sister-in-law, Linda Morano, and especially for Linda's husband, Joseph Morano

For a lifelong friend of Tracey Ramirez, Carol Metzger, to heal physically and spiritually in North Dakota after suffering a recent heart attack

For continued recovery for Cherri Lusk as she recovers at home

For God's will to be done in the selection process for the next justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they fundraise to acquire a permanent facility

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)

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

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September income (to date) = **\$8,106**

September expenses (to date) = **\$61**

Checking = **\$46,410**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,237**

Building Fund = **\$55,563**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE QUICK FINANCIAL UPDATE WILL BE REVISED AFTER PASTOR DAVE'S RETURN FROM THE AFRICA MISSION TRIP