



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 20, 2020

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 24th, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON.– THURS. 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE - REFORMATION DAY!

This Sunday is Reformation Day! As such you are invited to **WEAR RED**, the church color for the Holy Spirit, through whom all believers have direct access to the Word of God. Pastor Dave will preach on Hebrews 2:1-9 where we are taught about the importance of paying attention to both God and his Word! Worship begins at 9:30 am this Sunday. Sunday School for all ages will begin after worship.

****WE WILL NOT HAVE OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEKEND****

Join us either in person or online! **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.** You can do that by cutting and pasting this link: <https://sohworshipoctober25.eventbrite.com> into your browser.

The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY!

Everyone, from preschool through adults, is invited to the join our intergenerational Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This week's lesson is on **Joshua 6:1-21 and 1 John 5:2-4;**

The Fall of Jericho. The theme is on spiritual victory. Given the rise in COVID -19 cases in Douglas County we are asking everyone to wear a mask at all times while attending this class.

MASK WEARING AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Effective immediately and until further notice, we are asking that everyone who enters the church building wear a mask unless instructed otherwise. This means that those attending fellowship events and Bibles studies will be asked to keep their masks on (with the exception of while eating at a meal event). This proactive change is due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area. Pastor Dave, Pastor Wendy, and members of the church board are monitoring the COVID-19 situation daily and will update you should additional changes need to occur that would affect our ability to meet inside the church building.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS TODAY

The Hopeful Spirits will be meeting today at 1:30 pm. Please keep your masks on throughout today's meeting.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST TOMORROW: BYOB

All men are invited to attend the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday at 7 am. Please bring your own breakfast and beverage. Also, please wear your mask at all times other than when you are eating.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD EVENTS FOR SPIRIT OF HOPE

We are planning on having three special events to support Operation Christmas Child. Due to COVID-19, OCC needs more volunteers than ever before. Please especially consider joining us for a fun service day at the OCC warehouse. Mark your calendars now. Details are coming soon! These events are, of course, subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation. All events will be in compliance with current COVID safety guidelines.

Sunday, 11/22 OCC Packing Party at the church. All ages welcome.

Monday, 11/30 Serving at the OCC warehouse, 9 am – 1 pm. Everyone ages 13 and up are welcome.

Saturday, 12/5 Serving at OCC warehouse, 9 am – 3 pm. Everyone ages 13 and up are welcome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

“VOICES OF AUTHENTIC FAITH” OCTOBER 14th and 21st, 7 - 8:30 pm

“Voices of Authentic Faith” is a glimpse at the background and writings of 13 Christian authors who articulate an orthodox and/or confessional Lutheran theological perspective to their audience. Over the years they have provided continuity and inspiration during attempts from multiple sources to conform Christianity to a cultural perspective. This two-week course will be taught by Wayne Shultz. No RSVP required. Please wear a mask until you are seated and also when you ask/answer questions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhJTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09>

COMING SOON: THE PROPEHCIES OF JESUS STARTS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th at 7 pm

The Bible contains many prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. Many of these were not clear to Jesus’ contemporaries until he explained them. (Luke 24:27). As a prelude to the Advent season we will look at some of these prophecies and how they uphold our faith in Christ. The four-week study will begin with an introduction to the concept of prophecy and then look at Old and New Testament texts regarding the Messiah, His advent, suffering, and final victory. Please bring your Bibles, as we will be looking up many passages and want to be able to see their contexts. Masks may be removed once you are seated at your table.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN NOVEMBER “OVERCOMING ANXIETY DURING COVID-19”

Beginning on Monday, November 2nd our pastors will be offering a four-week class (11/2 – 11/23) that deals with anxiety during the pandemic. Topics include: anxiety about the uncontrollable, anxiety about the economy, anxiety about isolation, and anxiety when the church can’t meet (and how COVID is affecting the Church in general). Classes will run on Monday mornings beginning at 9 am and are expected to run for an hour to an hour and a half. The sessions will be video-based followed by biblical discussions facilitated by

Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy. This would be an excellent opportunity to invite friends or neighbors so that they might be blessed by these discussions as well! In order to help the pastors plan, **please RSVP to Pastor Wendy if you would like to attend.**

NEW YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY LEADER

We are thrilled to announce that Tiffany Hanson is our new volunteer Youth and Family Ministry Leader! Tiffany will be organizing fellowship events and service opportunities for our younger members and their families. Tiffany, her husband Ryan and daughters Kendall and Josie have been worshipping with us for more than a year now. They are a blessing to us and we pray that fulfilling this new role will also be a blessing to Tiffany and her family!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

Our tech team would like to thank you for your ongoing patience as we are all learning brand new software and technology for our worship services. Once we stabilize our Sunday morning routine, we will also be training numerous volunteers and equipping them to do the same (see the opportunity below for more information). We have been extremely blessed not only to have received financial gifts to make all these upgrades possible, but also by our sound & tech experts, Steve and Josh Selby, who continue to work tirelessly to enhance our worship time and by Dave Giles who is now serving as our Team Leader/Volunteer Coordinator for Sound & Tech! Thank you to EVERYONE who has made these upgrades possible!!!!

SOUND/TECH TEAM OPENINGS

We are looking for people who are willing to help at the sound booth during worship on Sunday mornings. No previous skills or knowledge are required. We will be looking for someone to advance worship slides now that our screens are set up in the sanctuary. We will also be looking for someone who can help monitor the sound system (which is now much easier to do with the new system!). This is a great way to serve the church that won't interfere with your weekly schedule! We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to prepare worship slides on their own computer at home, at your convenience, during the week. If you would be willing to serve on

occasion, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Wendy.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Due to COVID, we are happy to hold new member classes for individual families/households and are happy to schedule them at your convenience. Attending our new member class doesn't mean you have to become a member. But it is a great opportunity to learn about our congregation's history, core beliefs, vision for ministry, and to ask questions about Spirit of Hope, LCMC, or anything else that you've been wondering about! If you would like to schedule a new member class, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy. We would be delighted to meet with you!

SCARVES FOR MEAN STREET MINISTRY

The Hopeful Spirits would like to collect scarves (hats and mittens/gloves are also welcome!) to give to Mean Street Ministry. They can be purchased or hand-made. If you would like yarn to knit or crochet scarves with, please see Sara Gutknecht who has plenty to share! Scarves can be placed in the mission ark at any time between now and Christmas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Spirit of Hope has been a mission partner with OCC since our beginning and has increased our involvement with building shoeboxes, helping to process the shoeboxes and having a year-round volunteer on the area team!

This year you can help support Operation Christmas Child reach its goal of reaching 11 Million children and their families with the Good News of Jesus in many ways.

1. You and your family can pack a shoebox! Check out this link <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> or one of the Pack a Shoebox brochures we have for shoebox packing ideas. Grab a few of the shoeboxes we have in the Narthex/Fellowship area. Make sure to pray over each shoebox!

2. For those of you worshipping at home you can build a shoebox online through this link <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/goal/my-goal/bc6071c1-98fc-4b82-bcd6-8054dd7da630/60f6e8ba-bf6a-41b9-84d8-3adb249d7c76>. Spirit of Hope will get credit for your boxes to help us meet our goal.
3. You can bring in shoebox packing supplies for our shoebox packing party! If you've packed a shoebox but have extra supplies or just want to buy up a bunch of great stuff for shoeboxes bring that in and place in the Mission Arc! The Packing Party will happen Nov 22nd after worship service.
4. You can donate toward either supplies or shipping of shoeboxes. Just note OCC supplies, OCC shipping or OCC (for both) on your check/PayPal so that our financial secretary gets those funds into the right account.
5. For everyone ages 13 and up you can come to one of our Processing Center volunteer days. Stay tuned for details and sign ups.

Each shoebox is like a missionary that has the potential to reach 10 or more people with the Good News of Jesus. Operation Christmas Child gives us all the chance to be missionaries. This year, more than ever, the children of the world need to know that God loves them so much, he gave his Son for them.

If you want to pack shoeboxes or have supplies for the packing party that you would like picked up from your home/porch let Renee Nefe know as she is happy to arrange pickups for you.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021

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 2021. John Parsons, Bill Byers and Pam Malone are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spencers,

Carol Palin and Gary Flora are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. Church Board terms are normally two years in length. Given the pastoral transition that is taking place next year, Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy asked for John Parsons to remain on the board as president for an additional year. 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 or Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. or pastor.dave@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 everyone battling, recovering, or dealing with wildfires or hurricanes in our nation

For healing for Jack Huebsch as he continues to make progress and recovers from treatment for kidney issues

For our nation to return to calm and practice true justice in light of the events of violence and death that have happened in this summer and fall

For racial reconciliation to occur in our nation

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

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted, that reopening will continue and go smoothly and that treatment and a vaccine will be developed rapidly

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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
10/17 Chris Schmidt
10/22 Esther Tracy
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

October Income (to date) = \$14,024

General Fund Offerings = \$12,022

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,100

Dedicated Offerings = \$902

Other Income = \$0

October Expenses (to date) = \$5,752*

***Includes \$2,556 for sound and technology upgrades from dedicated funds.**

Checking = \$39,829

Money Market = \$23,220 (Reserves = \$10,437 Dedicated = \$12,783)

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$40,653

Building Money Market = \$19,679