



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday's text shows us that while people look at appearances, the Lord looks at the heart. Pastor Wendy will be preaching on 1 Samuel 16:1-13, in which Samuel, now both a prophet and judge over Israel, is called to anoint David as Israel's future king.



After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Then at approximately 11:00 we will have Sunday School for both youth and adults. The adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall to watch and discuss episode six of The Chosen. Elementary youth will meet with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy and will be learning more David, the boy who would become king.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, October 20th

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

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Bible Study: Heroes of the Faith - Inquiring Heroes: Samuel

Friday, October 22nd

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

Sunday, October 24th 9:30 am Worship, 11:00 am Sunday School

Tuesday, October 26th

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

Wednesday, October 27th

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

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 11:30 – 2:00 pm

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



SPIRIT OF HOPE FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st

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! Here is the sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4aa4a92eab9-spirit>. Please know that we can ALWAYS use more cars for our trunk-or-treat event. So, if the sign-up fills up, just let Tiffany Hanson or Pastor Wendy know you want to participate. Let’s make memories together as a family of God!

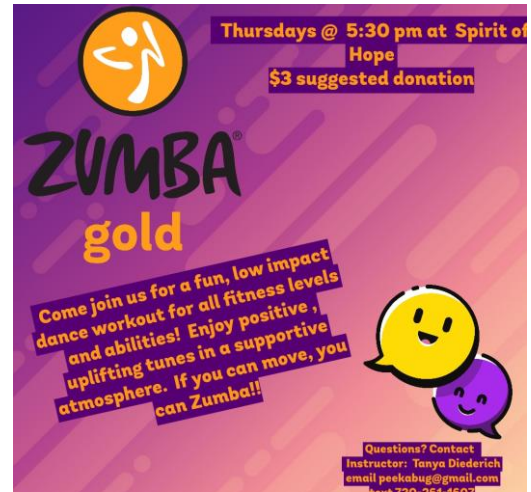
LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING VIDEOS

If you would like to watch the videos from the LCMC Annual Gathering, you may do so by clicking on this link: www.ualc.org/lcmc2021



**ZUMBA GOLD at SPIRIT OF HOPE
THURSDAYS BEGINNING ON
NOVEMBER 4TH
5:30-6:30 PM**

You may have heard of Zumba, the world-wide, dance-fitness phenomenon - but have you heard of Zumba **Gold**? Zumba Gold is a low-impact and modified program designed for all ages and fitness levels and is perfect for anyone who wants to burn calories and strengthen their muscles, all while enjoying a bit of a boogie. What's more, this class, taught by certified Zumba instructor, Tanya Diederich (daughter of Spirit of Hope member Wayne Schultz and sister of member Cindy Garrett), is designed to be uplifting to our spirits as well as our bodies as positive music is used in a loving and supportive atmosphere.



Zumba Gold classes will begin on Thursday evenings in the fellowship hall and will run from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. There is a \$3 suggested donation for each session. This is a great opportunity not only to take better care of ourselves, but also to invite others from our community to join us as well. Everyone will be asked to sign a waiver. No RSVP is necessary. Just come and join us as we learn some new moves together! If you have questions, please contact Tanya Diederich at peekabug@gmail.com or text her at 720-261-1607.



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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

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

Sunday, October 31st

Reformation Day/Fall Festival

Saturday, November 13th

**SECRET SISTERS REVEAL PARTY AND
BABY SHOWER FOR ALTERNATIVES
PREGNANCY CENTER: 10:00 am**

Sunday, November 21st

**OCC Shoebox Packing Party &
Christmas Tree Decorating (after worship)**

Wednesday, Nov. 24th **7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fellowship**
Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd
 6:00 pm Advent Dinner
 7:00 pm Advent Worship
 (Holden Evening Prayer Service)
Saturday, Dec. 4th **OCC Warehouse Event 10 am – 2:30 pm**
Friday, Dec. 10th **Advent Gingerbread Event**
Friday, December 24th **7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship**

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 Spancers, 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

reneenefe@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!



NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTS TONIGHT at 7:00 PM

**HEROES OF THE FAITH
"INQUIRING HEROES"**

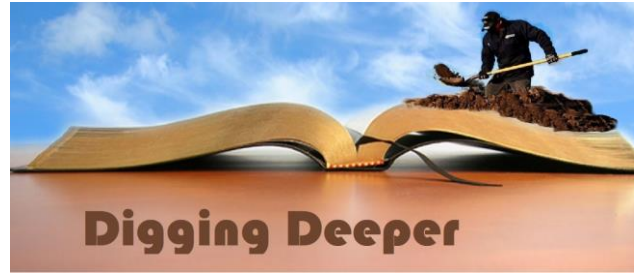
TONIGHT = SAMUEL

Join us for a new five-week

series on Heroes of the Faith: Inquiring Heroes. We will be discussing five different famous people in the Bible who had some serious questions about God and how He chose to do things. As such, there is so much that we can learn through these Scriptures that we can apply to our own lives. In our first class, we will dig a little deeper into the life of Samuel who was a prophet and judge of Israel. In coming weeks, we will discuss Nicodemus, the Canaanite women, the Ethiopian eunuch, and the Magi. Each lesson is a stand-alone lesson. Come and join us!

**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

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!**

***No Sunday School on 11/21 as we will be having our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party and will also be setting up and decorating our Christmas tree.**



**FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
(The Lutheran Confessions):**

THE APOSTLES' CREED: The First Article

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

"What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land animals and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All

this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

FROM THE SCRIPTURES: “For you formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.” (Psalm 138:13-14).

FROM LUTHER’S WORKS

“The difference between the origin of man and that of cattle points to the immortality of the soul... Although all the remaining works of God are perfect objects of wonder and are very sublime, this nevertheless proves conclusively that man is the most outstanding creature: when God creates him, He takes counsel and employs a new procedure He does not leave it to the earth to produce him, like the animals and the trees. But He Himself shapes man according to His image as if he were God’s partner and one who would enjoy God’s holy rest. And so, Adam is a dead and inactive clod before he is formed by the Lord. God takes that clod and forms from it a most beautiful creature which has a share in immortality.” [AE 1:83-84]



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 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."



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

By Pastor Wendy

Lord, you are the God who speaks. And you have spoken to us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We give you thanks for giving us your Holy Spirit so that we can receive you through the Living Word, the preached Word,

the written Word, and the sacramental Word. You come to us, Lord, because you love us, even though we do not deserve such love. Give us the courage to share your love with those we encounter this week. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

For the 17 missionaries who have been kidnapped in Haiti.

For James W. who graduates from Marine boot camp this week.

For Stephanie who is fighting colon cancer.

Kandy's cousin, Diane, whose husband Larry went to his eternal home last week. 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 is going through intensive chemotherapy.

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
10/17 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) = \$16,005

General Fund Offerings = \$12,848

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,000

Dedicated Offerings = \$2,157

Other Income = \$0

October Expenses = \$3,314*

Checking Accounts Balance = \$37,475

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 Zweygardt.