



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 23, 2018

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 27th, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – REFORMATION SUNDAY WEAR RED

This Sunday Spirit of Hope celebrates her Lutheran heritage with Reformation Sunday. We will sing the classic hymn, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.” Three Bible lessons will be read that will focus on the touchstone of our heritage; we are saved by God’s grace through faith. A fun tradition for this day is to wear something **red**. Reformation Sunday celebrates the event of Reformation Day (October 31, 1517) when Martin Luther sparked the Protestant Reformation of the medieval church by posting his famous 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. We meet in the gym in Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Fellowship begins at 9 am. Worship is at 9:30 am and Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 10:45 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on October 28th:
Confirmation Class – taught by Pastor Dave. Students will continue learning the basic story of the Bible. This class meets in the art room upstairs.

High School Class – taught by Intern Wendy. We will continue our study called “Life in Six Words” by Dare 2 Share Ministry. This class meets in the gym.

Women's Study – facilitated by Wendy West. Participants will continue their study called “Family Matters” looking at family dynamics (*both personal and church family*) from the perspective of Genesis 12-50, the gospels, Martin Luther's Small Catechism and modern family systems theory. This class meets in the innovation lab.

General Adult Study – will be facilitated by Brad Hoyt and will continue the Chip Ingram video-based class call “Balancing Life's Demands.” This class meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS CRAFT/BAKE SALE

Please plan to bring craft items and baked items for our sale on **November 11**. Items will be for sale before and after the service. All money raised goes to mission funding.

Next Hopeful Spirits meeting is November 13 at Sara Gutknecht's House.

REQUEST FOR A HOST HOME IN AMERICA - UPDATED

By Pastor Dave

Our friends in Switzerland, Pastors Jens and Christiane Liedtke-Siems have contacted me about a friend of theirs. Her name is Franziska Zell (Fanzi). She is a young woman who has finished their equivalent of high school and would like to spend some time in the U.S. and ultimately work as an “au pair” (a young foreign person, typically a woman, who helps with housework or child care in exchange for room and board). If you are interested in exploring this opportunity and would like more information, please contact me. Pastor Jens and Chistine have forwarded Franzi's resume to me and I can forward that to you.

Thank you!

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS – SPECIAL GIFT FOR VETERANS!

Did you know that each year more than 180,000 people enter and leave the military? The need to continue to provide our troops with God's Word is constant. This October we are, once again, collecting donations for Military Bible Sticks which are produced by Faith Comes By Hearing. These Military Bible Sticks are given to United States troops, our veterans, and their families through military

chaplains. The suggested donation amount is \$25 which covers the cost of production and shipment, etc. **THIS SUNDAY, October 28th, IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR DONATIONS.**

This year, Faith Comes By Hearing is also offering a FREE Military Bible Stick to all the veterans and active military in our congregation! Bible Sticks will be handed out at worship on Sunday, November 11th. If you have served in the military, or are currently serving or in the Reserves, please contact Intern Wendy so that we can reserve a Military Bible Stick for you!

CROSSWAYS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday, October 24th, our Crossways Class will meet at the home of Intern Wendy Poch at 7:00 pm. Please contact Intern Wendy if you would like more information.

IT'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX TIME!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection week is November 12-19th this year. **THIS SUNDAY, October 28th, WE WILL HAVE SHOEBOXES AND FORMS FOR YOU TO PACK YOUR OWN BOXES.** If you would like to get started earlier than that, let Renee Nefe know and she'll bring you supplies. We will also have the missions tub out to collect packing items for our **annual shoebox packing party that will be on November 11th.** A donation can will be out for cash donations to cover items or shipping (please note which one), checks can also be placed in the offering plate.

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

YOUTH NEWS!

Up Coming Youth Events

November 11: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

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 Spancers, 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.

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 Sara Diederich who is recovering from her accident that injured her knee and pelvis

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

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| 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

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| 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) = **\$15,360**

October expenses (to date) = **\$8,434**

Checking = **\$47,563**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,242**

Building Fund = **\$10,564**