



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – REFORMATION SUNDAY!

On October 31, the world of Protestant Christianity will mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. On this date in 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Saxony (modern day Germany). This coming Sunday, October 29, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will celebrate this milestone with a special worship service featuring Reformation hymns and a sermon centered on salvation by grace through faith from Romans 3:19-28. Everyone is encouraged to come, bring friends and celebrate our spiritual heritage. Following worship we will have a celebration potluck dinner with a brief presentation about Martin Luther and the movement he started. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Beverage will be provided. Everyone is also invited to wear the color **red**, the traditional color of the Holy Spirit and Reformation Sunday. Everything is happening in the gymnasium of Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Fellowship time starts officially at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. The potluck will begin at 11:00 am.

GIDEONS PRESENTATION POSTPONED

The Gideons presentation that was scheduled for this last Sunday has been postponed to Sunday, November 12, at the conclusion of worship.

OCTOBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH!

This month Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR and reading glasses, small action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. Also during October, you can place any items for OCC shoeboxes in the blue missions tub that will be near the entrance to the gym. Thanks for your donations!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

11/12/17 Youth Group: Pine Lane North: OCC Packing Party!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MISSION CRAFT AND BAKE SALE COMING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5!

Everyone of Spirit of Hope is invited to bring baked items or craft items for sale for our next Missions Craft and Bake Sale, Sunday, November 5!!

Items will be for sale before church and between church and Sunday school. It is not too early to think about Christmas shopping or getting baked goods for Thanksgiving celebrations!!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS Minutes 10/10/17

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer. Present were Marie Winkelman, Carol Palin, Kandi Parsons, and Sara Gutknecht.

The devotion was given by Sara -- THE BRIDGE TO LIFE - a Navigator Discipleship Tool

Old Business:

- Prayer Quilt -- one on hold
- Blessing Bags -- Sara will apply for Thrivent support; shopping to be done in November and bags to be filled in Dec.
- Church banner -- on hold until we get an idea of available dimensions in the new church.
- Handmade cards -- tabled until January.

New Business:

- Carrie in China -- project ideas coming together, will be assembled in November and given to Wendy for mailing.

--Renee had dropped off Spirit of Hope birds supplies and directions. Birds were made for the craft show and for sending the pattern to Carrie.

Next meeting November 12 at Sara's house.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS UNDERWAY!

Once again Spirit of Hope is participating 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. Free cardboard shoe boxes from OCC will be available now through November 5 you wish to use them. Please visit the OCC website at Samaritan's Purse for an updated list of things to pack and what NOT to pack. The list has changed since last year. Toothpaste and candy, for instance, are no longer allowed. Visit the following link to learn more about what to pack and not to pack:

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

If you would just like to donate supplies for boxes you can place them in the blue missions tub that will be near the entrance of the gym through October. Our youth and families will pack them in boxes on November 12 and they will then be transferred to one of the collections centers in the Denver area during national collection week (November 13-17).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PEW REFURBISHING

A self-perform item that we as a congregation will need to accomplish before moving into the new church building is the installation of high quality pews and church furnishings that have been generously donated to the congregation. The furnishings were acquired recently from an area Lutheran church and are in very good condition. The pews, which are solid oak, do need some refurbishing to remove some scratches. Building team lead Rodney Pobar tested techniques to best accomplish this. The pews simply need to be cleaned and lightly re-stained. Contact Rodney at 303-815-9877 or Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 to volunteer to help. Thank you!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Late last week we learned from our general contractor, Skarco, that the estimated date for completion of our building project will be

delayed until the end of January to mid-February time frame. This has been caused mainly by some sub-contractors backing out of the project unexpectedly and new sub-contractors needing to be found and coming on board.

In the meantime, work will continue at the site. Rough electrical including the installation of the parking lot lights is scheduled to complete this month as well as the installation of the glass door entrances to the building. Sealing and painting of the exterior of the building as well as sidewalk pouring should happen early next month. Landscape installation should occur soon as well.

Please continue to pray for the building project to proceed smoothly!

SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 29 – 500th Reformation Anniversary Service and Potluck

Reformation hymns, special music, sermon and communion during worship. The service will be followed by a potluck and special short video presentation on Martin Luther. THIS SUNDAY!!!

November 5 – All Saints Sunday and Craft Fair/Bake Sale

Sponsored by our Hopeful Spirits Ministry all proceeds go to fund mission trips and mission support

November 12 – Veteran's Sunday and OCC Packing Party

Veterans will be honored at worship and a youth and family OCC Packing Party will be held after Sunday School. Lunch provided!

November 19 – Thanksgiving Sunday and EEMN Missions Sunday

Pastor David and Angela Breidenbach from East European Mission Network will give a special presentation at the end of our Thanksgiving themed service. Pie fellowship will follow. Please bring some pie to share!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2018

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 2018. Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and

Tim Lehnerz are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to remain on the board for one more year. In January of this year the Church Board agreed to give both Wayne and Brad the option to step down after completion of the building project. So, there is a potential need for two additional board members to finish the rest of their terms. 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 pastordave@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:

Thanksgiving for the healing of Kandy Parson's mother, Hazel, from her infection

For healing for Tracey Ramirez from her recent ankle surgery

For Donna Maxwell to heal from recent knee replacement surgery

For relief, comfort and recovery for all the victims and those affected by the California wildfires

For continued comfort, peace and recovery for the nation and all the victims of the evil, tragic shooting in Las Vegas, NV

For recovery for all the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate.

For recovery for those affected by the wildfires in the western United States and the recent earthquakes in Mexico

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

October income (to date) = **\$11,303**

October expenses (to date) = **\$7,723**

Checking = **\$35,665**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,208**

Building Fund = **\$453,340**