



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 25, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – REFORMATION SUNDAY

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; 499 years ago) when Martin Luther sparked the Protestant Reformation of the medieval church by posting his famous 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. As always Fellowship begins at 9 am. Worship is at 9:30 am and some special Sunday School classes for all ages are at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Here is the lineup of classes for Sunday School this coming Sunday: Kid’s class – Pastor Dave will be teaching a special class for our first communion students for this year.

Confirmation Class and the High School youth class will meet together this Sunday for apologetics taught by Wendy and Glenn Poch.

Women’s Study will join with the General Adult Study for a special class led by Tim Lehnerz about Martin Luther. The class will feature a short video and discussion about the man who started the Protestant Reformation almost 500 years ago.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

10/28-29 Feed My Starving Children Family Friendly Service Opportunity (see sign-up information in article below.)

11/6 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

11/20 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

12/9-10 St. Nicholas Weekend (4 pm Friday - Saturday afternoon - exact time TBD)

CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Feed My Starving Children *Updated!

Spirit of Hope is sending 30 volunteers to help with meal packing at this weekend's Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event at Parker United Methodist Church. PUMC is located at 11805 S Pine Dr, Parker, CO 80134 and is the large church visible on the west side of South Parker Road just before Hess. We are sending volunteers on Friday night from 6-8 pm as well as Saturday morning from 9-11 am. Volunteers are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the packing time they signed up for. Please wear close-toed shoes. Opportunities for financial giving will be available but are not required. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Poch.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

Hopeful Spirits Meeting October 11, 2016

Attendees: Pastor Dave, Andrea Hoyt, Jean Huebsch, Kandi Parsons, Carol Palin, Susan Spancers, Sue Schulz, and Sara Gutknecht.

Our meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Dave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Directory - Renee says the directory is ready to be printed; just need to figure out the funding. Pastor Dave will check to see if there is any funding available to help with this.

Craft/Bake Sale - this was held on October 16th at church; we had a great turnout of crafts and baked items. No one should have gone home with their sweet tooth unsatisfied!!

Renee said we received \$331.00 in donations. This is earmarked for mission funding.

Prayer Quilt - one on standby

Pine Lane Elementary - Pastor Dave spoke re: outreach to the teachers at Pine Lane. On November 8th, Pastor Dave and Sara will take cookies to the school at 10:00 am - it is a teacher work day. We will have some information re: Spirit of Hope to leave with the cookies. We will ask for any baked donations to be brought to the church November 6th - these will be taken to the school on the 8th. We will see how this goes and then discuss future ways to outreach the school. One possibility is sponsoring a family for Christmas....more information on that to come.

Prayer List - As a group, we spoke with Pastor about our availability to help our members, should the need arise. We felt that this request should come through Pastor. He took all our cell numbers and made a group chat, so we can all be reached if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blessing Bags - Thanks to Carol Byers and Joseph Ravitts for donations for the blessing bags.

Kandi was able to get Thrivent funding to help with getting items for the bags; that money will be coming in the next week or so. We will be assembling the bags at the November meeting.

Chrismons - It is time to think about the Christmas tree!! We will be working on some Chrismon decorations at the November meeting.

Reverse Advent Basket - Sara saw this idea on Facebook and thought it sounded like a good idea to share. Starting December 1st, one food item is put in a basket; on December 24th, the basket of food items is taken to a homeless shelter or donated where there is a need. Our group found this an interesting concept and discussed donating our 'baskets' on Christmas Eve.

Book Talk - In January, we will begin to have a short review of a Christian based book; fiction or nonfiction. This will not be a Bible study, but a way to share some helpful books that are out there.

Cookie Exchange - We actually never got to discussing this - too much to talk about!! - but we could plan on having a cookie exchange at our December meeting; along with some hot apple cider and maybe bring spouses? Think about this and we will talk about it in November.

Sara presented a devotion and the rest of the meeting time was spent making houses out of old Christmas cards. Carol Palin came prepared with supplies and directions and taught us. Thanks to Carol.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at Sara's house.

BAKERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL OUTREACH TO PINE LANE ELEMENTARY

By Pastor Dave

On Tuesday morning, November 8, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will provide baked goods (breakfast breads, cookies, and the like) for the teachers and staff at Pine Lane Elementary. That is a teacher in service day. As you know, Pine Lane is where we currently hold Sunday worship, fellowship and education. The event is an outreach opportunity for SOH to extend good will and make ourselves known to the teachers and staff. The principal at Pine Lane has told me that 65 people will be on campus that day, so we need lots of volunteers to bake! Coordination details are still being worked out so watch next week's newsletter for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CONTINUES

Spirit of Hope continues its participation 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. We are collecting items and shoeboxes DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER! Information on items to pack is available at the following Operation Christmas Child link:

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

THERE WILL BE A TABLE IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA EACH SUNDAY TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATION OF BOXES OR SUPPLIES!

In November, the boxes will be delivered for distribution overseas.

NEW UPDATE FROM TIFFANY POCH

Hello all! I hope you are doing well! So much has happened in the last week and a half!

First off: debrief. Granada is perhaps the most beautiful city I have seen yet. It is filled with beautiful architecture and old cathedrals. Our team spent a good deal of time exploring as well as resting. One of our contacts from the states flew out to stay with us and led us in some wonderful sessions and times of worship.

Our time in Granada was restful but also purposeful. Many of our team heard God speak to them in new ways. The Lord opened our eyes to how deeply Granada is struggling despite its beauty. The people there all seemed to be struggling with a deep hopelessness. The churches tend to preach religion instead of grace. Prostitution is legal and poverty is widespread. The Lord wrote Granada on our hearts. Please pray for freedom for its people and that they would come to know the Lord in a deep and personal way.

After debrief we went to Sara's ministry which is on the mainland across from the island. We were there about a month ago and fell in love with it. We got to help with the feeding program and youth group again which was great! We got to see some of the same people we met before and build deeper relationships with them. We did a talent show with the youth from Sara's church which was great!! They did a very well done skit for us about some of the issues that Nicaragua (as well as general humankind) deal with and how only Jesus can rescue us from them. One of the girls from my team and I sang I am Not Alone by Kari Jobe. We had a blast! We also got to hang out a bit with a world race team that has been staying at Sara's ministry. They came to stay at CICRIN for a few nights a week earlier. It was so great to continue those relationships!

Now we are back into the full swing of ministry here at CICRIN! It was so encouraging to see how much the kids missed us after we went away. I can't wait to deepen our relationships with them!

Finally, I have one last prayer request. Please pray for the pastor at the church we attend here. He has been in the hospital for some time now as there is something wrong with his liver.

God bless you all! I will update again soon!

CHOIR CONTINUES REHEARSALS ON THURSDAYS

The Spirit of Hope Choir rehearses Thursdays at the home of Jackie Dillon (9071 Apache Plume, Apt C, Parker, CO 80134) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Led by Brenda Reinicke and accompanied by Stacy Fahrion the choir can always add your voice to those making a joyful noise to the Lord! NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE THAT SEASONAL CHRISTMAS COMMITMENT TO SING WITH THE CHOIR IN EARLY DECEMBER! Please contact Brenda for more information at brendar4flute@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATIONS FOR SECOR THIS MONTH

This coming Sunday is the last one this month to bring your donations of tomato products and paper goods for SECOR.! The blue mission tub is near the entrance to the cafeteria where we worship to receive your donations. The next donation month will be January. Thank you!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016

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 2017. Wendy Poch, Brad Hoyt and Wayne Schultz are scheduled to go off the board while Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz 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.

BUILDING PROJECT NEWS

We are still waiting for final approval of all plan drawings from South Metro Fire. In the meantime, the process of initiating installation of permanent power by IREA is still going and hoped to be completed this week or next. Our general contractor, Skarco Design, will begin prepping the inside of the church foundation for the pouring of the concrete slab hopefully next week. Please continue to pray for progress to continue in our building project.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

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:

Continued prayers for effective work and witness for Wayne Schultz and fellow members of this month's Marion Medical Mission teams in Africa

Prayers of comfort for the Howland family as they mourn the recent death of Nancy's stepfather

Prayers for Tiffany Poch as she continues three months of mission work in Nicaragua

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

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

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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) = **\$24,073***

October expenses (to date) = **\$9,183**

Checking = **\$24,744**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**

Building Fund = **\$124,237**

***Includes \$10,000 donation to be transferred to the Building Fund**