



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVID FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 31st, AT 303-841-3553.

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

DO NOT FORGET – WE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME THIS WEEKEND. TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – ALL SAINTS DAY

This Sunday is All Saints Sunday, a special Sunday when we take time to remember all who have gone home to be with the Lord in this past year, as well as others who are members of the church triumphant. Pastor Dave will preach on Hebrews 2:10-18 where Jesus is revealed as our merciful and faithful High Priest. Worship begins at 9:30 am this Sunday with outdoor fellowship to follow. Sunday School for all ages will begin after fellowship. 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://sohworshipnovember1.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 join our intergenerational Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This week's lesson is on **Ruth 1:1-18 and Romans 8:31-39; Ruth Cares for Naomi. The theme is love.** 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.

NOVEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION COLLECTION MONTH!

This coming Sunday begins a five Sunday month. The mission ark in the narthex (lobby) will be open for mission donations. Specifically, you can place Operation Christmas Child boxes, tomato and paper products for SECORCares, and the following for Mean Street Ministry: Christian coloring books, small action figure toys, reading glasses, scarves, hats and mittens or gloves. Thank you for your donations!

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: ALL CHURCH PACKING PARTY

Everyone at Spirit of Hope is invited to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 22nd, after worship. This will be in place of Sunday School. Masks are required and gloves will be provided. And, even with these COVID restrictions, we will have a wonderful time taking care of God's little children in need. The plan is to provide a pizza lunch for all volunteers. However, we will need to remain flexible and see where we find ourselves with COVID restrictions at that time.

SERVING AT THE OCC WAREHOUSE 11/30 and/or 12/1

While Spirit of Hope has sent volunteers to serve at the Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child warehouse in the past, the need is very great this year, due to COVID-19. Please prayerfully consider serving as a volunteer for a few hours. No skills needed and there are jobs available regardless of physical abilities (or lack thereof). If you can sit, or stand, or lift (or not) and are over the age of 12, we need you!!! OCC will have very strict COVID protective measures in place in order to protect you. Serving together as a team is a ton of fun and a great reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing! Presently, we are registered for the following times:

Monday, November 30th from 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday, December 5th from 9 am – 3 pm.

Please RSVP to Pastor Wendy by 11/22 if you can help at either (or both!) of these sessions.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES BEGINS TOMORROW NIGHT at 7 pm! THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS

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. Please wear your mask at all times unless instructed otherwise. Here is the Zoom link for those who prefer to attend online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09>

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 Dave this week 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!!!!

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.

MORE WAYS TO HELP 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.

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 Spancers, 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) = \$17,379

General Fund Offerings = \$15,069

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,400

Dedicated Offerings = \$910

Other Income = \$0

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

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

Checking = \$43,184

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

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$40,653

Building Money Market = \$19,679