



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE REFORMATION DAY!

You are invited to wear red this Sunday for Reformation Day! Pastor Wendy will be preaching on 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 in which we learn about the temple built by King David's son, Solomon. After worship, you are invited to join us for lunch (Sunday School is in recess this week). The main course is chili! We are having a chili cook-off and you get to be a judge. There is a prize for the winning chili! Then, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm we will be having our fall outreach event which includes a Trunk-or-Treat event for the kids, family games, a “photo booth”, pumpkin decorating, and more. A very special thank you to Tiffany Hanson for coordinating this event!



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas music but don't want to sing alone? Do you enjoy singing but don't have a lot of time? Why not join our Christmas Choir? Our Christmas Choir will sing at our Christmas

Eve worship service (7:00 pm). All voices are welcome and no experience is required. We will have **five to six rehearsals**. You do not need to be able to read music. But you do need to want to make special memories!

Rehearsals will be on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm**. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, **November 4th**.

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

Zumba Gold is a low-impact, modified exercise program designed for seniors but works 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. 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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

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

Friday, October 29th

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

Sunday, October 31st

9:30 am Worship, 11:00 am Chili Cook-Off,

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat Outreach

Tuesday, November 2nd

8:30 am – 10:30 am Coffee with the Pastor @ Fika on Mainstreet

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

Wednesday, November 3rd

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Village Inn

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Bible Study: Heroes of the Faith – The Canaanite Woman.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 11:30 – 2:00 pm

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING

All potential Stephen Ministers will go through a training period (50 hours) that will thoroughly prepare and equip them to serve others as a Stephen Minister. Once they become Stephen Ministers, they will continue to receive continuing education through their supervision groups that meet once or twice a month. But Stephen

Minister training is much more than that! Stephen Minister training and ongoing continuing education is also about personal spiritual growth.

Through Stephen Minister training, participants learn how to be Christ-centered caregivers. Trainees not only acquire caring ministry skills, but grow in faith, hope, love, and the fruit of the Spirit, which shapes their relationships with their care receivers, family members, coworkers, neighbors, and others. Continuing education opportunities often include resources from Stephen Ministry as well as other resources as recommended by the pastor or Stephen Ministry Leadership Team. Many Stephen Ministers have said the training and ongoing spiritual support was a life-transforming experience for them. The reality is that as one trains for this special ministry, they also become better equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.

SECRET SISTERS REVEAL PARTY & BABY SHOWER FOR ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER

Saturday, November 13th @ 10:00 am

Women of all ages are invited to attend this special fall brunch! Not only will those who participated in the Secret Sisters program learn who their prayer sisters were, but we will also be having a baby shower for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. You do not need to have been in the Secret Sisters program to attend this brunch. It's for everyone! Please bring a brunch dish to share. Here's a list of the items Alternatives needs that would be suitable gifts to bring to the baby shower:

- Diapers size 4-6
- Sleepers (sizes 0-9 months)
- Onesies (size 0-9 months)



- Girls & Boys Outfits (size 0-9 months)
- Baby Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Hooded Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Infant Mittens and Socks
- Baby Wipes and Baby Toiletries (baby shampoo, powder, lotion, ointment)
- Misc. Gifts for Baby (rattles, teething rings, small toys, books and stuffed animals)
- Misc. Mother's Gifts (Insulated tumbler/coffee mug, fuzzy socks, neck heat pad, lotion/perfume set)
- \$25 Gift Cards to King Soopers, Walmart or RTD

Please note that Alternatives only accepts new items only. We do not accept used items.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Have you ever wanted to be a missionary? Go out into the world and spread the Gospel? You may think that with Covid that is impossible. However, through Operation Christmas Child you can send the Gospel to a child and their family being a missionary sender.

So how can you be a missionary sender? You can choose one or more of the ways listed below! Please see the letter that accompanied this newsletter for more detailed information.

1. Pack an OCC Shoe Box
2. Donate Items for Our Packing Party
3. Donate Money for Supplies and Shipping
4. Build a Shoe Box Online at <https://sampur.se/3BgbQvp>

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FELLOWSHIP **NOVEMBER 24th @ 7:00 pm**

You are invited to set aside an hour in the midst of busy holiday preparations to give thanks to God for all of our many blessings. We will have a short worship service followed by a special pie fellowship. Please bring your favorite pie (or other favorite Thanksgiving dessert) as we take some time to bless one another as well!



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!

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	10:00 am Secret Sisters Reveal Party and Baby Shower for Alternatives Pregnancy Center
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.



BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT at 7:00 PM

HEROES OF THE FAITH "INQUIRING HEROES"

TONIGHT = Nicodemus

We will be discussing different

famous people in the Bible who had some serious questions about God and how He chose to do things. As such, there is much that we can learn through these Scriptures that we can apply to our own lives. 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:

10/20 – 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 LARGE CATECHISM

"He gives me food and drink, clothing and support, spouse and children, house and home, and more. Besides, He causes all created things to serve for the uses and necessities of life. These include the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, day and night, air, fire, water, earth, and whatever it bears and produces. They include birds and fish, beasts, grain, and all kinds of produce (Psalm 104). They also include whatever else there is for bodily and temporal goods, like good government, peace, and security. So, we learn from this article that none of us ever owns for himself, nor can preserve, his life nor anything that is here listed or can be listed. This is true no matter how small and unimportant a thing it might be. For all is included in the word *Creator*." [LC II 13-16]

FROM THE SCRIPTURES: "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?... And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:26, 28-29)



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, we give you thanks and praise for being our Heavenly Father. You joyfully give us everything we need for body and life. What's more, you have given us your very own Spirit!

Help us to trust in you and follow you to all the places you lead us. Thank you for taking care of all of our needs so that we can be your light in our community. 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...

Thanksgiving for James W. being home this week.

That all those with COVID would recover.

For the 17 missionaries who have been kidnapped in Haiti.

For Stephanie who is fighting colon cancer.

Herb and Ben P. who are grieving that the Lord has called Beth home.

Rebecca S. who is fighting breast cancer.

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 all of our local, state, and federal leaders that they would hear God's voice and lead with His wisdom.

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) = \$18,590

General Fund Offerings = \$14,993

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,420

Dedicated Offerings = \$2,177

Other Income = \$0

October Expenses = \$5,903*

Checking Accounts Balance = \$43,373

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$38,972

Money Market Account Balance = \$103,256

***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 Zwegardt. Also includes \$1,000 gift to Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministry.**