



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 30, 2018

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**PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 303-514-5266.**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

This coming Sunday is All Saints Sunday at Spirit of Hope, the Sunday when we remember the saints throughout history and those who have departed from our lives in the last year. This Sunday Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch will preach and lead worship as Pastor Dave takes a vacation Sunday. The Bible text for this coming Sunday will come from Revelation 21:1-6, the apostle John's vision of a new heaven and new earth.

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 begin at 10:45 am.

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on November 4:

Confirmation Class – In recess for this Sunday

High School Class – taught by Intern Wendy the class continues the 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**

*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 Christiane have forwarded Franziska's resume to me and I can forward that to you.

Thank you!

### **CROSSWAYS THIS WEEK**

Crossways Class will meet at the home of Intern Wendy Poch at 7:00 pm this Wednesday, October 31. 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 and next, November 4 and 11, shoeboxes and forms will again be available for you to pack your own boxes. We

will also have the missions tub out to collect packing items for our annual shoebox packing party that will be on **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PACKING PARTY IS AN ALL CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY EVENT. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN THE FUN!** For more information about packing an Operation Christmas Child shoebox visit the following link:  
<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

December 8 – St. Nicholas Day of Service - Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

## **A THANK YOU NOTE**

### ***from Intern Wendy***

I would like to take a moment to thank you, my brothers and sisters at Spirit of Hope, for all of the love, prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts you have given to help me and my family as we go through this seminary journey. Through you, God consistently has been providing for our needs, precisely as the need arises, and it leaves me in awe! God has blessed me beyond my measure and He does so through you. Thank you, each of you, for the various ways you have helped me on this journey so far. Many of you have helped without even realizing, perhaps, the many different ways that God is working through you. I am blessed to have the opportunity to study God's Word deeply, to be immersed in theology, and to learn how to be a better servant leader. Each of you is an essential part of this journey and I thank you for helping to give me the opportunity to learn and grow and for walking beside me along the way.

## **MARION MEDICAL MISSION 2018 WELL SEASON UPDATE**

Word was received yesterday from Tom Logan, founder and president of Marion Medical Missions that the goal for well installation this year in rural Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia **HAS BEEN EXCEEDED!** The goal was 2,900 wells. **THE TOTAL THIS YEAR IS 2,957!** Part of the data collected by volunteers and field officers when a well is installed

are the number of adults and children in each village. This year's wells will provide safe, clean drinking water to 369,625 of the extreme poor in Africa (221,775 of them children)! PRAISE THE LORD!

### **SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

**November 4 – All Saints Sunday – We remember those who have gone before us to be with the Lord, especially within this last year.**

**November 11 – Veteran's Day – The Praise Team leads singing for this special service that will honor our Veterans.**

**Craft Fair/Bake Sale - Sponsored by our Hopeful Spirits Ministry all proceeds go to fund mission trips and mission support.**

**OCC Packing Party – Youth and families will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child after Sunday School. Lunch provided!**

**November 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday and Compassion International Pie fellowship will follow a Thanksgiving themed worship. During the pie fellowship a chance to write a letter of encouragement to the Operation Christmas Child we sponsor, Monica Ojeda, will be provided. Please bring some pie to share!**

**November 25 – Christ the King Sunday - On this Sunday after Thanksgiving we lift up the reality of Jesus being our King!**

### **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](mailto: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 those recently affected in our nation by senseless acts of terror to have healing and hope

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 Spencers 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 Anniversaries**

10/30 Bill & Cheri Lusk

### **November Birthdays**

11/4 Victoria Fisher

11/6 Jackie Dillon

11/14 Courtney Giles

11/16 Bud Blazier

11/22 Tim Reinicke

### **November Anniversaries**

11/13 Paul & Brenda Reinicke

11/27 Bud & Shelly Blazier

11/30 Chuck & Wendy West

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

October income (to date) = **\$18,214**

October expenses (to date) = **\$10,653**

Checking = **\$48,198**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,243**

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