



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday, October 9, we return to the reading of Acts of the Apostles. The council of Jerusalem in Acts 15:1-21 is the focus. At this council the very nature of salvation was at stake. Come find out more about that council and how it affects us today! Normal Sunday Fellowship begins at 9:00 am and worship is at 9:30 am at Pine Lane Elementary South!

SUNDAY CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Here is the lineup of classes for Sunday School this coming Sunday:
Kid's class – Andrea Hoyt Victoria Fisher teach the kids about Jesus; His story and His teachings.

Confirmation Class – Pastor Dave continues four classes on the story of the Bible.

High School youth class on apologetics will be taught by Wendy and Glenn Poch. Timely topics are being covered in this class!

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West study the book *Women of the Bible* concentrating on women in the New Testament this fall.

General Adult Study is led by Joseph Ravitts who will begin a three Sunday class on apologetics and understanding the perspectives of unbelievers.

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING CONTINUES IN DENVER!

The 16th Annual Gathering of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ continues today and tomorrow at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Complex in Denver. The Crowne Plaza complex is located at the northeast corner of I-70 and Chambers Road. Inspiring worship, speakers and workshops are a regular feature of this

gathering. Pastor Dave and SOH board member Steve Gutknecht are the delegates this year for our congregation. If you have availability tonight there is a service project, you can join in at 7:00 pm. Gathering attendees are assembling emergency medical kits for Lutheran World Relief. Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 5, features the closing worship from 10:00 am to noon and you are invited. Thank you to ALL Spirit of Hope members who have helped with the gathering this year.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

10/6 Bring Your Bible to School Day

10/9 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

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Bring Your Bible to School Day

Students from elementary school through college are encouraged to participate in Bring Your Bible to School Day **THIS THURSDAY**, October 6th. This annual event, sponsored by Focus on the Family is designed to give students confidence as well as the opportunity to be a witness to others. Believe it or not, students **ARE** legally allowed to bring and read their Bibles at school. This event gives students an opportunity to express that right as well as answer questions about their faith or invite someone to church. Great times to show your Bible, or read your Bible, include before/after school, before a class begins, during lunch, during study halls, etc...If a student is homeschooled, they are encouraged to bring their Bibles with them to activities that they are in that week, or to work, where they can read it on breaks. Hundreds of thousands of students will be participating in Bring Your Bible to School Day on the same day and in the same week.

Congregation members are asked to pray for our students, especially throughout the day on October 6th. We will be providing prayer cover between the hours of 7 am - 4 pm that day. Members of Spirit of Hope are encouraged to sign up for 30 minutes (or more, if desired) of prayer time. The sign-up sheet will be available this Sunday, October 2nd. It would mean a lot to our youth to know that adults are praying for them and supporting them as they intentionally step out in faith to

witness to others. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Wendy Poch.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Sunday October 16, 2016.

All women of Spirit of Hope are invited to bring baked items or craft items for sale!!

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 Oktoberfest celebrations!!

BLESSING BAGS

Hopeful Spirits will be assembling blessing bags to give to the homeless at our meeting in October. We would like to be able to give a bag or two to our members to have in their cars for giving to a homeless person. Donations would be gratefully accepted.

Hopeful Spirits Meeting Minutes 9/13/2016

Attending: Pastor Dave Fisher, Kandy Parsons, Carol Palin, Jean Huebsch, Sara Gutknecht.

Pastor Dave opened our meeting with a prayer. He came to discuss our potential involvement with Pine Lane School -- working with supporting staff. We discussed several different ideas and he will check with the principal and get back to us.

Old Business:

Church directory - Sara will check with Renee to see where we are on the directory.

Craft/Bake Sale - we agreed to keep the original date of October 16.

Facebook Page for Hopeful Spirits - Renee and Jean are editors.

Selling homemade cards - everyone agreed we should continue to do this as a money raiser.

Prayer Quilts - we have one prayer quilt ready to go.

New Business:

Blessing Bags - we will be assembling Blessing bags at our October meeting. These are bags with a few essential items in them for giving to the homeless. Any donations would be welcome: new socks, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, snacks such as beef jerky or granola bars; Kleenex, wet wipes, combs, shampoo, water, sanitary napkins.

Bible Study - Kandy had a suggestion for a Bible study; we will look at her book at the next meeting.

Chrismons - Jean brought some Chrismon kits and passed them out. If we have time in October, we may try to work on these or else members can take the kits home.

LCMC Convention - here in Denver 10/2-10/4 Carol will be at the convention.

Card Houses - Jean will bring some old Christmas cards to the next meeting; we will discuss how we might use these to make cards. Carol knew of a pattern for making 'card houses' and will bring the pattern to the October meeting.

Next meeting October 11, 2016 2:00 – 4:00pm at Sara's house.

CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Feed My Starving Children

For the third year in a row, Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church will be participating in Feed My Starving Children's Mobile-Pack event which is held at Parker United Methodist Church. We have reserved 20 volunteer spaces on Friday, October 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm and 20 spaces on Saturday, October 29th from 9-11 am. Everyone from age 5 to 105 can volunteer to serve! Come on your own or bring the whole family! No experience is needed. Signup sheets will be available Sunday. Last year we filled up fast and started a waiting list, so sign up early if you'd like to have a spot guaranteed. Volunteers should plan on arriving 15-20 minutes earlier than their scheduled packing time and need to wear close-toed shoes. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Wendy Poch.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD STARTS SUNDAY

Once again Spirit of Hope will participate 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 will begin collecting items and shoeboxes **THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9!** **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/>

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! We are especially in need of sopranos this season. Please contact Brenda for more information at brendar4flute@gmail.com.

SECOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY FOOD BANK HOURS THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEER HELP AT SECOR!

Our mission partners at Southeast Community Outreach have expanded food bank operations to include Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. There is an immediate need for volunteers for stocking, accompanying guests as they shop the food bank market, and visiting with guests as they wait in the lobby to shop. If you can give of your time on a Saturday morning in any of these capacities please contact SECOR Development Director, Mike Dworak, at 720-842-5621.

Also to find out more details about volunteering please contact Spirit of Hope POIC (Point of Information Contact) John and Kandy Parsons. John and Kandy regularly volunteer at the SECOR food bank on Mondays. 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

Our general contractor, Skarco Design, is still awaiting the final approval from South Metro Fire and Rescue on the total design of our project. That is expected this week. Meanwhile, finishing touches on the HVAC duct replacement are scheduled this week followed by Skarco doing backfill and compaction testing on the ground in the interior of the foundation. Once that is complete and compaction tests pass the concrete slab will be poured. That is expected to begin sometime next week. Please continue to pray for safety for the workers and quick, smooth process on the approvals.

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:

For a successful conclusion to the LCMC Annual Gathering in Denver this week and safe travel home for all the attendees

Prayers for safe travel and effective 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 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 chemotherapy and radiation 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
10/31 John & Kandy Parsons

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September income = **\$12,696**

September expenses = **\$8,675**

October income (to date) = **\$5,102**

October expenses (to date) = **\$1,000**

Checking = **\$23,983**

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

Building Fund = **\$112,417**