



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 10th, AT 303-841-3553.

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

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Pastor Dave will conclude our journey through the letter of 2nd Corinthians. The apostle Paul offers his final warnings for the Church and offers a beautiful doxology to encourage all believers. Worship begins at 9:30 am this Sunday. Sunday School for all ages will begin after worship and outdoor fellowship (approximately 10:45 – 11:00 am). 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://sohworshipoctober11.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 the join the class in the Fellowship Hall after worship and a brief time of fellowship outside (approximately 10:45 am – 11:00 am; weather permitting for the outside fellowship). This week's lesson is on

Exodus 14:5-31; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 – The Parting of the Red Sea.

Given the rise in COVID -19 cases in Douglas County recently we are making the following adjustment in mask wearing: Once you are seated at your table, you may remove your mask. However, if you would like to ask a question or make a comment please wear your mask when doing so.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
WEDNESDAY, 7 AM AT THE CHURCH**

Men are invited to bring their own breakfast and beverages and meet for a time a fellowship and prayer. The event will be in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask until you are seated.

**BIBLE STUDY: "HEROES OF THE FAITH: THE QUIET HEROES"
THIS WEDNESDAY 7-8:30 PM**

This week is our final session in the "Quiet Heroes of the Faith" series. Pastor Wendy will lead this week's study which will focus on Dorcas (Tabitha) whose story is found in Acts 9:36-43. Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask until you are seated and also when you ask/answer questions. The class is also available online via Zoom. Here is the Zoom Link (cut and paste into your browser) if you'd like to attend from home.

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

**COMING SOON! NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:
"VOICES OF AUTHENTIC FAITH"
OCTOBER 14th and 21st, 7 - 8:30 pm**

"Voices of Authentic Faith" is a glimpse at the background and writings of 13 Christian authors who articulate an orthodox and/or confessional Lutheran theological perspective to their audience. Over the years they have provided continuity and inspiration during attempts from multiple sources to conform Christianity to a cultural perspective. This two-week course will be taught by Wayne Shultz. No RSVP required. Please wear a mask until you are seated and also when you ask/answer questions.

*****NEW*** 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 Wendy if you would like to attend.**

CARE MINISTRY: MEALS

We'd like to give a big thank you to DeDe Elliott for her service as our meal coordinator in the past and also a big thank you to Sheri Giles who has volunteered to be our meal coordinator in the future! If you are going through a time when receiving a meal (or even several meals) would be a blessing, please contact Sheri Giles at sherikgiles@gmail.com. You may also contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy. If you would be interested in providing the occasional meal, and have not already indicated this on your Servant Profile, you are also welcome to contact Sheri and she will add you to the volunteer list. Thank you to EVERYONE who has provided comfort meals to members and friends of the church!

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!!!!

SOUND/TECH TEAM OPENINGS

We are looking for people who are willing to help at the sound booth during worship on Sunday mornings. No previous skills or knowledge are required. We will be looking for someone to advance worship slides now that our screens are set up in the sanctuary. We will also be looking for someone who can help monitor the sound system (which is now much easier to do with the new system!). This is a great way to serve the church that won't interfere with your weekly schedule! We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to prepare worship slides on their own computer at home, at your convenience, during the week. If you would be willing to serve on occasion, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Wendy.

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.

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.
5. For everyone ages 13 and up you can come to one of our Processing Center volunteer days. Stay tuned for details and sign ups.

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 Spencers, 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

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
2/17 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

September Income (to date) = \$36,286

General Fund Offerings = \$13,706

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$12,400

Dedicated Offerings = \$10,180*

Other Income = \$0

September expenses (to date) = \$12,544

*** Includes \$9,866 to cover Associate Pastor's salary for the remainder of 2020.**

October Income (to date) = \$8,642

General Fund Offerings = \$8112

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$400

Dedicated Offerings = \$130

Other Income = \$0

October Expenses (to date) = \$5,131*

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

Checking = \$39,230

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

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$49,653

Building Money Market = \$18,845