



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Mission News from **SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Tuesday, October 5, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday Pastor Wendy will preach on Exodus 16:1-18 in which, after much grumbling by the people of God, Moses intercedes on their behalf, and God provides for them by sending manna and quail every day. We too are people who are quick to grumble and quick to complain. And, like the Israelites, we often fail to trust in God's blessings and provision when we can't see far enough into the future. Come and join us in worshiping our holy God.



After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Then at approximately 11:00 we will have Sunday School for both youth and adults. The adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall to watch and discuss episode four of The Chosen. Elementary youth will meet with Pat Schmidt and Pastor Wendy and will be learning more about how God provides for us (and will have some fun with manna and quail, too!).

COMING UP AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wednesday, October 6th

LCMC Annual Gathering

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Bible Study: Christ in the Old Testament (led by Ken Carpenter)

Thursday, October 7th

11:30 am – 1:30 pm AA Meeting

Friday, October 8th

11:30 am – 1:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, October 10th

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

5:00 – 8:30 pm Alternatives Pregnancy Center Fundraising Event



OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY 10/5

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

*****From Saturday 10/2 – Saturday 10/9 Pastor**

Wendy will be working remotely. Renee Nefe

will be staffing the office 10/6 – 10/8.

THANK YOU FROM MARIE AND CARL WINKELMAN

Dear Spirit of Hope Friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, get-well wishes, and meals after Marie's recent fall and surgery. It was very much appreciated. We are happy to report that she is on the mend!

Sincerely,

Carl & Marie Winkelman

THANK YOU FROM HERB AND BEN POTTHOFF

To Our Friends & Family at Spirit of Hope,

Beth so loved this church and was proud to be a part of its inception. Thank you for helping Beth to realize her wish to live a Godly life and to be a light for others to see the teachings of our Lord. May you all be always blessed by His grace.

Ben and Herb Potthoff



**ALTERNATIVES
PREGNANCY CENTER
FUNDRAISER
OCTOBER 10th**

You are invited to join us in supporting one of our local mission partners, Alternative's Pregnancy Center by attending this special night of worship and

good Christian fellowship and fun! There will be live music, testimonies, food trucks, scavenger hunts and more. Tickets are \$25 which includes dinner. **If you would like to attend and car pool or meet up with others from Spirit of Hope, please contact Pastor Wendy.** You can register here:

<https://alternativespregnancycenter.salsalabs.org/worshipnight/index.html>

NEW!!! The Church Board has also authorized an extra gift in the amount of \$1,000 from our benevolence funds to help Alternatives with advertising and services as they have seen a very significant uptick in young women coming to Colorado from Texas in an attempt to circumvent the new anti-abortion law in Texas.



**SPIRIT OF HOPE FALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st**

Mark your calendars for a fabulous fellowship and outreach event!

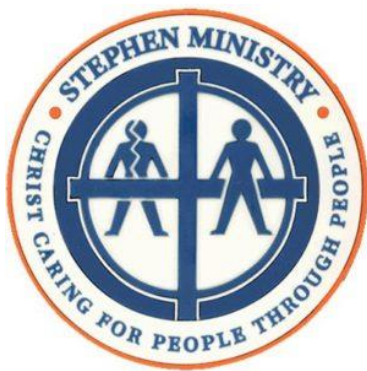
CHILI COOK-OFF 11:30 am

The SOH Chili Cook-off is BACK!
Church members will taste and vote.
Awesome prize for the winner!

What else will be at the Fall Festival???

After lunch, we will set up a community outreach event (and a continued time of fellowship for SoH members). This will include a **"TRUNK OR TREAT"** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm; **OUTDOOR GAMES** such as

cornhole, Can Jam, Bocce Ball, and Ladder Golf; **KID'S CRAFT STATION** with pumpkin decorating and fake "tattoos"; **FAMILY FUN PHOTO BOOTH** to take pictures with family as well as friends old and new; **SECOR FOOD DRIVE** to collect Thanksgiving themed foods such as cranberries, boxed potatoes and stuffing, canned vegetables, etc. Please help us reach families in our community as we have some good old-fashioned while we share the love of Jesus! It's especially important to have members decorate their cars, yourselves and bring candy for our Trunk-or-Teat event! Let's make memories together as a family of God!



SPIRIT OF HOPE IS NOW A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION!

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers. Spirit of Hope plans to begin training people to become Stephen Ministers early in 2022.

FREE ACCESS TO RIGHTNOW MEDIA

If you would like free access to thousands of Bible studies, theological conferences, apologetics studies, discipleship programs, Christian children's programming and more,



rightnow MEDIA

Break out the pumpkin spice and jump into some leaves

please copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/SOH>

This is a free gift (and will always be free!) from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, to you! You are welcome to share this link with family and friends!

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.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope? Come attend a new member class! During the class, Pastor Wendy will walk you through Spirit of Hope's history and core beliefs, answer any questions about Spirit of Hope, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, or any theological questions you may have. Participants will be given a new member packet. If you would like to be an official



member, you can turn the packet in. If you're not sure, you can just hold on to it. Please know that while you need to be a member to vote at congregational meetings or to serve on the Church Board, you are still welcome to fully participate in congregational life without

formal membership. Pastor Wendy is happy to set up a new member class for you and/or your family at a time that works well for you. Just let her know!

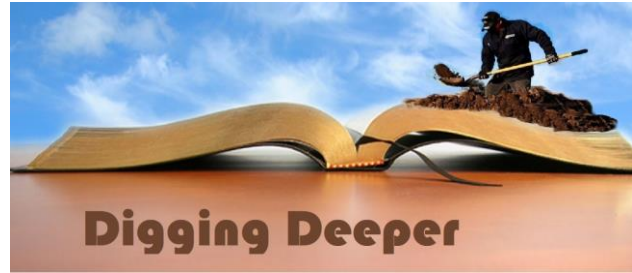


CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm as we study Christ in the Old Testament. We will be

watching theological lectures on this fascinating topic presented by one of the world's leading Lutheran theologians, Chad Bird. Each lecture is approximately 40 minutes long. After viewing the lecture, Pastor Wendy will lead a discussion and will supplement with material from Chad Bird's new book, "The Christ Key". If you would like to study this independently because you are unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, please contact Pastor Wendy, who will be happy to send you what you need.

**DIGGING DEEPER WITH
PASTOR WENDY
TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm
LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY
NO CLASS THIS WEEK!**



Join Pastor Wendy on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm as we dig deeper into the text from Sunday, explore the daily Bible readings, and I also start digging into the text for the upcoming Sunday. As we begin the Narrative Lectionary, which will include many of the Old Testament pericopes (stories or selected texts) that we were taught as children, this is an opportunity to ask those questions you've always wondered about and also to share your own biblical insights with others. We will learn and explore the texts together! This class will meet on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. You are welcome to bring a lunch!

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAYS From 12:00 – 1:00 PM:

Digging Deeper with Pastor Wendy
****NO CLASS THIS WEEK**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM:

9/8 – 10/13

Christ in the Old Testament

10/20 – 11/17

Heroes of the Faith: Inquiring Heroes

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

Adults: 9/12 – 11/7

The Chosen (except for 10/3)

10/3

Special Sunday School Class on Religious Art

Elementary Class:

Narrative Lectionary Story of the Day



**FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
(The Lutheran Confessions):
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

“What is the Creed?”

“The Creed summarizes all of God’s work in creation and human history as taught in the Bible” (SC, Question 104).

**From “What Luther Says” (A Supplemental Writing by Martin Luther)
“To create and preserve all things, to make satisfaction for sin, to forgive sins, to raise from the dead, and to give eternal life are the works of the whole Divine Majesty. Yet, the Father is especially revealed in the work of creation, which proceeds originally from Him, as the first Person; the Son in the work of redemption, which He performed in His own Person; the Holy Ghost in the work of sanctification, for which He in particular is sent and in which He reveals Himself. These distinctions are made that Christians may have the simple and certain assurance of the existence of only one God and yet three Persons in the one Divine Essence. These are truths which the pious fathers have diligently gathered from the writings of Moses, the prophets, and the apostles and have maintained against all heretics.**

This faith has come down to us as in inheritance, and until the present-day God has maintained it with power in His church against all sects and devils. Therefore, we must abide by it in simplicity and not be wise in our own conceit; for Christians are expected to believe things that seem foolish to the reasoning of men.” (WLS ~ 1044)



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 God, show us how to go out and be your Church rather than simply waiting to see if people will come to “our church”. You have called us to GO (“as you go” in the Greek) and make disciples, which means you have called us to go to the people you are calling to yourself.

Take away our fear. Give us a heart for you and a passion for those you love. Lord, we thank you for going before us and for going with us, for you alone are the one who changes hearts. Thank you for allowing us to join you in your kingdom work. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

All pastors and church leaders who are learning at the LCMC Annual Gathering.

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

Wayne’s sister-in-law, Helen, who is grieving the death of her husband, Larry, who lost his battle with COVID due to lung cancer.

Rebecca S. who is fighting breast cancer.

Lavonne Z. as she and her family grieve the death of her husband, Delmer.

For the families of our military members who gave their lives trying to set others free.

For the Americans that have been left behind in Afghanistan.

For our believing brothers and sisters in Afghanistan who are now in great danger, and for all who are grieving and suffering the sudden loss of freedom under a terrorist regime.

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 has been diagnosed with a mass on her pancreas. Janie is undergoing chemo in preparation for surgery. Please pray that the chemo is successful so that further treatment can continue.

Bill L. as he grieves the death of his wife, Cherri, who is now a member of the Church Triumphant.

For James W. who is at Marine boot camp.

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement.

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
2/17 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

THE OCTOBER FINANCIALS WILL BE UPDATED UPON PASTOR WENDY'S RETURN FROM THE LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING.

September Income (to date) = \$14,890

General Fund Offerings = \$11,945

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,500

Dedicated Offerings = \$412

Other Income = \$133

September Expenses = \$13,893

Checking Accounts Balance = \$29,572

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$33,839

Money Market Account Balance = \$105,376