



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-841-3553 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org Also visit us on the web at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THUR., 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

NEW CHURCH PHONE NUMBER

Spirit of Hope now has a new phone number, **303-841-3553**. We encourage you to put this number into your contacts and use it to contact the church office and/or pastors. When no one is in the office, the call will be forwarded to the pastor who is on call so that you don't need to remember which pastor is on call! This is also the number to share with friends, family, or neighbors who might like to speak with a pastor or learn more about Spirit of Hope.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This coming Sunday, October 13, we continue with our sermon series: The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church. We are revisiting our founding documents from their biblical foundations. This Sunday Pastor Wendy will preach on our value of "Holding a High View of Scripture" using 2 Timothy 3:14-17 as the biblical text. Everything starts this Sunday at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday School begins in the fellowship area at 11:00 am. Also, **THE MISSIONS BOX WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR HOPEFUL SPIRIT BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS** (see article below).

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Hopeful Spirits are making blessing bags for the homeless so that when people in need visit the church, we have something helpful to give them. These bags will include information about SECOR and contact information for our pastors. This month we are collecting small items to fit in these bags such as 8oz water bottles, lip balm, individually packaged snacks, hats, gloves, tissues, etc. We will be collecting these items in our mission ark in the narthex.

THIS SATURDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

CHRISMON MAKING FROM 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

While this event is being sponsored by the Hopeful Spirits, you do NOT have to be a woman to attend. All willing hands are welcome to help us make beautiful Chrismons for our Christmas tree. No skills required! Chrismons are special white and gold Christmas ornaments that tell the story of Jesus, including His promise from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Chrismons are also a very special and unique part of our Lutheran heritage! We are making Chrismons out of beads. Patterns and beads will be supplied. Come and join us for a fun morning of fellowship as we get to know each other while also preparing for our first Advent in our new sanctuary. Please contact Sara Gutknecht or Pastor Wendy for more information.

GRAND OPENING/OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3

Worship on November 3rd will be geared to inviting the Parker community to come and learn more about us. After worship, we will be having a special **Mission and Ministry Fair** as part of our Open House! This is a wonderful Sunday to invite community members, friends, and neighbors. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to meet and greet guests that day. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you would like more information. We hope that you will be a part of this very special Sunday!

TREATS AND SNACKS FOR FELLOWSHIP

We Lutherans like to eat! A lot of great conversations happen when we share food and fellowship together. As such, we are asking for help with food for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet near the goodies where you can sign up to bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Ideally, we would like to have at least three people/families bring something each week. If you don't want to cook or bake, and

you don't have time to shop, you can also place a donation in the jar and help provide goodies that way! See Carol Palin for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

This week we move forward out of the Pentateuch and into the historical writings of the Bible. Sunday's lesson comes from the book of Judges as we discuss Deborah and the victory of her army. Our texts this week are Judges 4:1-16 and Luke 14:41-43. Pastor Wendy will be teaching this week's lesson and all ages from preschool through adults are encouraged to join us!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Please greet and welcome these new Spirit of Hope members who joined our church family officially on Dedication Sunday, September 22!

Esther Tracy Melissa and Jordan Andrews

Watch for their directory page which will be available in the narthex/lobby of church soon.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!

This class is for those interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope and/or who are considering making Spirit of Hope their new church home. Class runs from 12:15-1:30 (immediately following Sunday School). Lunch will be provided! Please contact Pastor Wendy to RSVP or if you'd like more information.

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SERMON SERIES

“The Mission, Values and Vision of Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church”

As our congregation continues to enter into new ministry opportunities, we return for the next several weeks to our founding documents. Our mission, values, and vision statements will be reflected upon in light of scriptures that support them. The schedule of topics yet to be covered is as follows:

October 6 – The Value of Honoring God with Our Lives

October 13 – The Value of Holding a High View of Scripture

October 20 – The Value of Serving God and Others

October 27 – The Value of Sharing God with Others

November 3 – The Vision of Spirit of Hope

Come as we visit again the mission, values and vision that forms who we are at Spirit of Hope.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS COMING SOON

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. Look for more information to come soon!

HOPEFUL SPIRITS

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1:30-3:30 AT CHURCH.

Women of all ages are welcome to join us. This is a fellowship group, not a craft group. You don't need any special skills. Just come as you are and enjoy treats, devotions, and fellowship. We often work on service projects and ministry plans. All are welcome! Please contact Sara Gutknecht for more information. *The Hopeful Spirits will not be meeting this week as previously planned.*

SAVE THE DATE! HOPEFUL SPIRITS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA!!!

UPDATE FROM THE MISSION FIELD!

Pastor Dave and Wayne have arrived safely in Malawi and from there have already traveled to Tanzania and Zambia respectively. Today they begin the process of well installation. Please pray for them as the work days are long and exhausting. Yet, God is greatly glorified when the needs of His people are met!

Tiffany is in Malawi this week serving with the Kuwala Girl's School. She requests prayers because she has come down with another tummy bug. But, she shares that even at her first day at the school she was able to share the gospel with an entire class! The girls have asked her to come to their prayer group. And their headmaster has shared that Jesus loves them (the girls) and wanted them to know that they are loved so much that Jesus sent another girl from the other side of the world to tell them so. They are greatly encouraged that they are not alone and that other Christians know they are there.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY IN 2020?

Our mission partner, East European Missions Network (EEMN) has now opened registrations for mission trips to eastern Europe during the summer of 2020. In years past, Spirit of Hope has sent people to serve the Tartu Academy of Theology (another one of our mission partners!) through EEMN in Estonia for their English Language Camps. You can learn more about the trips (including other countries that you can serve in) by clicking here: <https://www.eemn.org/2020-short-term-missions/>. Please know that Spirit of Hope is able to help provide some financial assistance to those who feel called to serve. So, please do not let finances keep you from sharing the love of Jesus with those who need to know His love! If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy.

MISSION MOMENTS FOR OCTOBER - OUR MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

By Pastor Dave

The mission statement of Spirit of Hope is: *Using the Bible as our foundation we will honor God by growing in faith and love, sharing Jesus and giving generously.* One of the ways that we can accomplish that mission is by intentionally practicing and promoting a climate of hospitality. During October the Mission Moments at the beginning of worship will lift up and expand on the following tips and pointers to help us foster a climate of hospitality.

- (9/29/19) Watch for people who are new to you. Greet and introduce yourself and thank them for coming to visit us. Be yourself but don't overwhelm them.
- (10/6/19) Ask them the basic questions we all use when getting to know someone.
- (10/13/19) Answer any questions they have about Spirit of Hope as best as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question, let them know you will find out, and then follow up.
- (10/20/19) As you meet and reconnect with your friends, introduce guests to other people. Try not to stand in a circle with your backs to guests. This unintentionally can give a signal to guests that they're not welcome.

- **(10/27/19) Respect a guest's desire for privacy. This can especially happen if a guest is seated alone in the sanctuary. They may want some solitude to pray, meditate and get ready for worship. If after greeting a guest you sense they may want to be undisturbed, tell them how nice it was to meet them and offer to help them if they have need before excusing yourself.**

Being intentional about being welcoming does ultimately foster that climate of hospitality that we all appreciate and in which people can receive the love of God in Jesus.

NEED FOR THE SACRISTY

The Sacristy is the room in the northwest corner of our facility where worship supplies are stored and where the sacrament of communion is prepared. There is still a need for some temporary free-standing shelving for this room so that we can open boxes of supplies and get them organized. Please contact Pastor Wendy if you have these items and can give or loan them to the church. Thank you.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020

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 2020. Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Gary Flora are scheduled to go off the board while John Parsons, Bill Byers and Pam Malone 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, 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 Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@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 safe travel and effective mission work to be done by Tiffany Poch, Wayne Schultz and Pastor Dave Fisher in Africa this month.

Thanksgiving for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they prepare to move into their new facility in November and continue fundraise to make loan payments

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, 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 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

October Anniversaries

10/4 Rodney & Peggy Pobar
10/7 Ramie & Kasja Larson
10/30 Bill & Cheri Lusk

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 10/1/19)

***This report will be updated upon Pastor Dave's Return**

September income = **\$33,134**

September expenses = **\$9,066**

Checking = **\$41,651**

Money Market = **\$29,190 (Reserves = \$10,409 Dedicated = \$18,781)**

Building Fund = **\$41,092**

Building Loan Interest Escrow = **\$2,534**