



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org Also visit us on the web at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org.
(Presently, Pastor Dave is on a mission trip. In his absence, please contact Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266 or wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org. Pastor Dave will be available after October 12th.)

Pastor Janet Miller (303-325-6459) will be on call for pastoral emergencies today and Wednesday while both Pastor Dave and Intern Wendy are away. Intern Wendy returns late in the evening tomorrow, October 10th.

PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 13th, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we will gather for worship with fellowship beginning at 9:00 am. While Pastor Dave will have returned from his mission trip and is planning on being present at worship, Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch will be preaching on Luke 11:37-53. This section of scripture is often titled "The Woes to the Pharisees and the Lawyers". Jesus accuses these "teachers" of taking away the key of knowledge from the people and hindering their faith. Come and hear the words of our Lord and learn of the loving grace that He offers everyone!

Everything begins with fellowship at 9:00 am at Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Our worship service begins 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:45 am. Youth Group follows from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on October 14th:

Confirmation Class – taught by Pastor Dave. Students will continue learning how to navigate the Bible and the basic story of the Bible. This class meets in the art room upstairs.

High School Class – taught by Intern Wendy. We will continue our 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 in September 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.

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING – Des Moines, IA, October 7th-10th

Intern Wendy is presently representing Spirit of Hope at the LCMC Annual Gathering in Des Moines, IA. You are invited watch the gathering via live-stream at www.lcmc.net. Intern Wendy will still be available via email, phone, and text and will be working remotely.

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MILITARY BIBLE STICKS – SPECIAL GIFT FOR VETERANS!

Did you know that each year more than 180,000 people enter and leave the military? The need to continue to provide our troops with God’s Word is constant. This October we are, once again, collecting donations for Military Bible Sticks which are produced by Faith Comes By Hearing. These Military Bible Sticks are given to United States troops, our veterans, and their families through military chaplains. The suggested donation amount is \$25 which covers the cost of production and shipment, etc. We will collect donations until October 28th. ***This year, Faith Comes By Hearing is also offering a***

FREE Military Bible Stick to all the veterans and active military in our congregation! Bible Sticks will be handed out at worship on Sunday, November 11th. If you have served in the military, or are currently serving or in the Reserves, please contact Intern Wendy so that we can reserve a Military Bible Stick for you!

CROSSWAYS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday, October 10th, our Crossways Class will meet at the We will be discussing the first letter to the Corinthians. Gutknecht home at 7:00 pm. Please contact Steve or Sara 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. On October 28th we will have shoeboxes and forms for you to pack your own boxes. If you would like to get started earlier than that, let Renee Nefe know and she'll bring you supplies. We will also have the missions tub out to collect packing items for our **annual shoebox packing party that will be on November 11th**. 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.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

YOUTH NEWS!

Up Coming Youth Events

October 14: Fear Factor/Faith Factor

November 11: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

Youth Group This Sunday: FEAR FACTOR vs FAITH FACTOR

Youth in grades 7 and up are encouraged to join the youth group for a fun event where we will be challenged and also have tons of fun. We will discuss our fears and also our faith and learn how to cling to our faith when times are tough. Lunch will be served. Bring a friend!

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR MMM MISSION TRIP

Africa Trip sponsored by Marion Medical Missions

Wayne Schultz, Tiffany Poch, Rodney Pobar, and Pastor Dave Fisher are presently serving on a month-long Marion Medical Mission trip. They left on September 14th and will return to Denver on October 12. Two teams will try to help install 2,900 clean water drinking wells in the name of Christ before the end of October.

UPDATE: The team has been reunited and will be traveling home this week, arriving late Friday afternoon. They are finished with their work for the trip and are enjoying a brief time of siteseeing. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they travel and go through the process of re-entry into our everyday culture, which can often be difficult after spending time in such a different culture. Please pray that they will also have the opportunity to get some much-needed rest upon their return.

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.

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 the safe return of our Marion Medical Mission Team: Pastor Dave, Wayne Schultz, Rodney Pobar and Tiffany Poch.

For Sara Diederich who is recovering in a rehab facility. Please also pray for Tanya and Elena as they are visiting Sara in Iowa.

For Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and the church leaders that will be coming in from around the world to meet in Des Moines, IA. May the gathering be a time of unity, fellowship, good business, and growth as LCMC looks to the future.

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 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

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

September income (to date) = **\$8,106**

September expenses (to date) = **\$61**

Checking = **\$46,410**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,237**

Building Fund = **\$55,563**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE QUICK FINANCIAL UPDATE WILL BE REVISED AFTER PASTOR DAVE'S RETURN FROM THE AFRICA MISSION TRIP