



**SPIRIT OF HOPE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 we continue our reading through the letter to the Hebrews. This week Pastor Wendy will preach from Hebrews 3:7-19. These verses give a very clear and pointed warning for us not to fall into unbelief and disobedience. This Sunday is a Praise Band Sunday. Singing will be led by our Praise Band.

**GIVEN THE CONTINUED RISE IN COVID-19 CASES IN DOUGLAS COUNTY OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Sunday School for all ages will begin after worship (around 10:45 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://sohworshipnovember15.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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION WITH HEALTH GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY!

Everyone, from preschool through adults, is invited to the join our intergenerational Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This week's lesson is on **1 Samuel 17:3-11; 24-26; 40-49; 1 John 4:4-6**. The story is the familiar battle between David and Goliath. The theme this week is **Courage**. Given the rise in COVID -19 cases in Douglas County we are asking everyone to wear a mask at all times while attending this class.

## HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits will be on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 pm at the church unless otherwise notified.

**NOVEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION COLLECTION MONTH!** This Sunday we will continue our collection of mission items. The mission ark in the narthex (lobby) will be open for mission donations. Specifically, you can place Operation Christmas Child boxes, tomato and paper products for SECORCares, and the following for Mean Street Ministry: Christian coloring books, small action figure toys, reading glasses, scarves, hats and mittens or gloves. Thank you for your donations!

## MASK WEARING AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Effective immediately and until further notice, we are asking that everyone who enters the church building wear a mask unless instructed otherwise. This means that those attending fellowship events and Bibles studies will be asked to keep their masks on (with the exception of while eating at a meal event). This proactive change is due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area. Pastor Dave, Pastor Wendy, and members of the church board are monitoring the COVID-19 situation daily and will update you should additional changes need to occur that would affect our ability to meet inside the church building.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: ALL CHURCH PACKING PARTY

Everyone at Spirit of Hope is invited to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, after worship. This will be in place of Sunday School. Masks are required and gloves

will be provided. And, even with these COVID restrictions, we will have a wonderful time taking care of God's little children in need. The plan is to provide a pizza lunch for all volunteers. However, we will need to remain flexible and see where we find ourselves with COVID restrictions at that time.

### **SERVING AT THE OCC WAREHOUSE 11/30 and/or 12/1 CANCELLED**

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties, the Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child warehouse processing event for Spirit of Hope has been canceled. If you wish to individually participate and volunteer you can do so by visiting the following website link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/volunteer-at-a-shoebox-processing-center/>

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES CONTINUES TOMORROW NIGHT at 7 pm! THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS**

The Bible contains many prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah. Many of these were not clear to Jesus' contemporaries until he explained them. (Luke 24:27). As a prelude to the Advent season we will look at some of these prophecies and how they uphold our faith in Christ. The four-week study will begin with an introduction to the concept of prophecy and then look at Old and New Testament texts regarding the Messiah, His advent, suffering, and final victory. Please bring your Bibles, as we will be looking up many passages and want to be able to see their contexts. Please wear your mask at all times unless instructed otherwise. Here is the Zoom link for those who prefer to attend online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896778939?pwd=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByOjRhTFIvbEE1Zz09>

### **MORNING BIBLE STUDY, "OVERCOMING ANXIETY DURING COVID-19," TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2021**

Monday mornings currently seem to be a challenge for availability for a morning Bible study. Therefore, our class on dealing with anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic is postponed until January. Please watch future newsletters and the website for when this class will be offered.

## 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.

## MORE WAYS TO HELP 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](https://www.donorservices.com/transaction/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.

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 2021 BOARD MEMBERS**

Two Spirit of Hope members have been nominated for the two open positions on the Church Board for 2021: Sheri Giles and Steve Gutknecht. By-Law B1.01 states, "The names of those nominated will be announced to the congregation so that the membership has the opportunity to provide input to Board members." From now until the January meeting of the Church Board, members are invited to give such input to the board. New board members are confirmed by the outgoing board at the January meeting and begin their terms in February.

**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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastor.dave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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 comfort for the Hanson family as they mourn the passing of Ryan's Aunt Marilyn last Saturday

For healing and calm in the aftermath of last week's election

For healing and comfort for Jack Huebsch from 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 this summer and fall

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)**

### November Birthdays

11/4 Victoria Fisher  
11/5 Jordan Andrews  
11/6 Jackie Dillon  
11/14 Courtney Irish  
11/16 Bud Blazier  
11/22 Tim Reinicke

### November Anniversaries

11/13 Paul & Brenda Reinicke  
11/27 Bud & Shelly Blazier  
11/27 Anne & Ken Carpenter  
11/30 Chuck & Wendy West

## QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

November Income (to date) = \$10,494

General Fund Offerings = \$8,517

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$1,720

Dedicated Offerings = \$172

Other Income = \$85

November expenses (to date) = \$3,568

Checking = \$38,174

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

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$46,150

Building Money Market = \$19,679