



## Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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### THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday we will be honoring our veterans at the beginning of our worship service. You are invited to wear red, white, and blue.

Our texts for this Sunday are Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24. These are the most famous words of the prophet Amos and deal with justice and righteousness as well as the call for the church to live its faith out in the world. After worship we will have Sunday School at 11:00 am. Adults will watch and discuss episode 8 of The Chosen (the final episode in season one). Children will focus on giving thanks to God as we begin to prepare for the upcoming holiday season.



### NEXT SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Sunday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>**, is the final Sunday of the Christian Church year. It is Christ the King Sunday. The liturgical color will be white, which represents holiness. We will not be having Sunday School next week, but we would love for everyone to stay and help with our **Christmas tree decorating** (we have a big tree and it's a big job!). We will also be having our **OCC shoe box packing party!**

### ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, **November 28<sup>th</sup>** is the first Sunday in Advent. Because it is also Thanksgiving weekend, Sunday School will be in recess.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please join us after worship for our OCC shoe box packing party. You are

encouraged to either bring completed shoe boxes to worship that day or bring items (toiletries, school supplies, sewing kits, wash cloths, small toys, etc.) that we can put into shoe boxes that day. We should be finished around noon.

### **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Adults and teens ages 13+ are invited to serve on Team SoH at our local OCC processing Center (located on the western edge of Parker) from 10 am – 2 pm. There are jobs for everyone! Jobs for those who need to sit include preparing stickers/labels. Jobs for those who can stand include inspecting shoe boxes (we need at least 4-6 people on our team for this position). And, if you are able to do some heavy lifting, we need you too as we need someone who can help lift boxes that have been stuffed with shoe boxes so they can be loaded onto trucks for shipping. This is a great family event – even for families with adult children and grandchildren. **Please contact Pastor Wendy by November 28<sup>th</sup> if you can help with this service event.**

### **ADVENT EVENT! GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

This event is both a fellowship event and a service event! We will enjoy a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share), make gingerbread houses (or churches, or whatever gingerbread kit you choose to bring) while listening to Christmas music and having a blast (kids and kids at heart!). We are asking everyone to bring a second gingerbread kit (or more kits if you are so inclined) that can be wrapped (we will have a wrapping station) and then donated to Pine Lane Elementary School. Every year, Pine Lane has a Christmas Market where kids in need can “shop” for gifts for their families. We would like to provide those families with a gingerbread kit to take home so that they can make some beautiful memories together over Christmas break. We would like to donate 50 gingerbread kits. So, donations of gingerbread kits are much appreciated even if you are unable to attend this event.





## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing Christmas music but don't want to sing alone? Do you enjoy singing but don't have a lot of time? Why not join our Christmas Choir? Our Christmas Choir will sing at our Christmas

Eve worship service (7:00 pm). All voices are welcome and no experience is required. We will have **about four rehearsals**. You do not need to be able to read music. But you do need to want to make special memories! Rehearsals are on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm**.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

### Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bible Study: Heroes of the Faith – Inquiring Heroes: The Ethiopian Eunuch

### Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Zumba Gold

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Christmas Choir

### Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 11:30 am Stephen Ministry Leader Training

### Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Ladies' Fall Brunch and Baby Shower for Alternatives Pregnancy Center

### Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Tree Decorating and OCC Packing Party

### Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am – 10:30 am Coffee with the Pastor @ Fika on Mainstreet

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Digging Deeper with Pastor Wendy

1:30 pm Hopeful Spirits

### Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Bible Study: Heroes of the Faith – The Magi

**SECRET SISTERS for 2022!**  
**ATTENTION ALL LADIES!!**



While this year's Secret Prayer Sisters will be revealed at our Fall Brunch this Saturday, it is also time to gear up for a new set of Secret Sisters! God has given each of us the ability to intercede

for one another in prayer and thanksgiving; what a privilege and a blessing! Our Secret Sisters do this for one another and commit to doing so for about a year (this past session was a little longer because, well...COVID!).

Everyone who participates will receive the name of another sister to pray for. If desired, you can send cards, a small birthday gift, etc. anonymously throughout the year letting your sister know that you are thinking of her and interceding on her behalf (just contact Pastor Wendy who has the master list, and who does not have a Secret Sister...which allows her to distribute these items freely). Think of the joy she will receive knowing that you are praying for her and the joy you will receive as you bless her throughout the year in prayer. Everyone who participates will be prayed for by another sister who will be revealed at the end of next year. We will begin collecting basic information at our Fall Brunch from all who wish to participate. If you cannot attend the brunch but would like to participate, we will collect entry forms through November 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will be contacted shortly after so that you can begin praying for your new Secret Sister on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SECRET SISTERS REVEAL PARTY & BABY SHOWER FOR  
ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER**  
**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am**

Women of all ages are invited to attend this special fall brunch! Not only will those who participated in the Secret Sisters program learn who their prayer sisters were, but we will also be having a baby shower for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. You do not need to have been in the Secret Sisters program to attend this brunch. It's for everyone! Please bring a brunch dish to share. Here's a list of the items Alternatives needs that would be suitable gifts to bring to the baby shower:

- Diapers size 4-6
- Sleepers or Onesies (sizes 0-9 months)
- Girls & Boys Outfits (size 0-9 months)
- Baby Bottles
- Pacifiers

- Hooded Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Infant Mittens and Socks
- Baby Wipes and Baby Toiletries (baby shampoo, powder, lotion, ointment)
- Misc. Gifts for Baby (rattles, teething, small toys, books and stuffed animals)
- Misc. Mother's Gifts (Insulated tumbler/coffee mug, fuzzy socks, neck heat pad, lotion/perfume set)
- \$25 Gift Cards to King Soopers, Walmart or RTD



## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AND PIE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm

Join us for a brief worship service, about 30 minutes long, where we take time away from busy holiday preparations to give thanks to the Lord our God. After worship

we will enjoy a brief time of fellowship as we indulge in our favorite pies (or other Thanksgiving desserts). Please bring a dessert to share!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you interested in training to become a Stephen Minister? Applications will be available soon. How does the process work?

- 1) Pray about becoming a Stephen Minister.
- 2) When applications become available, contact Kandy Parsons or Pastor Wendy for an application.
- 3) Turn in application.
- 4) Kandy & Pastor Wendy will sit down with you to interview you and share more about the ministry.
- 5) Those selected to train as Stephen Ministers will be contacted and invited to begin training together as a cohort. Training will be scheduled at the time that works best for the majority. There are approximately 20 training sessions, each lasting about 2.5 hours, though we may be able to schedule a mini-retreat or two to shorten the number of weeks needed.
- 6) Upon successful completion of the training process, Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at Spirit of Hope and their time as a Stephen Minister will begin.
- 7) Twice a month Stephen Ministers will attend Supervision Groups where they will receive continuing education as well as personal



ministry support all while maintaining the strictest confidentiality. This allows Stephen Ministers to be strengthened and be supported at all times, which not only blesses them in their ministry and in their personal walk with God, but will also bless the person(s) they are caring for.



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Have you ever wanted to be a missionary? Go out into the world and spread the Gospel? You may think that with Covid that is impossible. However, through Operation Christmas Child you can send the Gospel to a child and their family being a missionary sender.

So how can you be a missionary sender? You can

choose one or more of the ways listed below! Please see the letter that accompanied this newsletter for more detailed information.

1. Pack an OCC Shoe Box
2. Donate Items for Our Packing Party
3. Donate Money for Supplies and Shipping
4. Build a Shoe Box Online at <https://sampur.se/3BgbQvp>

## **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

### **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE!**

Mark your calendars for the following holiday happenings at Spirit of Hope. Stay tuned for details!

- ➔ **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**    **10:00 am Secret Sisters Reveal Party and Baby Shower for Alternatives Pregnancy Center**
- Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**    **OCC Shoebox Packing Party & Christmas Tree Decorating (after worship)**
- Wednesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**    **7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fellowship**
- Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>**    **6:00 pm Advent Dinner**

Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Advent Worship  
(Holden Evening Prayer Service)  
OCC Warehouse Event 10 am – 2:30 pm  
Advent Gingerbread Event  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship



**BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT  
at 7:00 PM**

**HEROES OF THE FAITH  
“INQUIRING HEROES”**

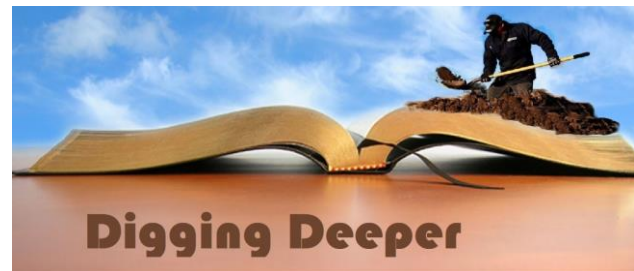
*Tonight - The Ethiopian Eunuch*  
We will be discussing different

famous people in the Bible who had some serious questions about God and how He chose to do things. As such, there is much that we can learn through these Scriptures that we can apply to our own lives. Come and join us!

**DIGGING DEEPER WITH  
PASTOR WENDY**

**TUESDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY**

Join Pastor Wendy on  
Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
as we dig deeper into the text  
from Sunday. If time allows, we will also take a peek at the upcoming  
text as well. You are welcome to bring a lunch!



**ZUMBA GOLD at SPIRIT OF HOPE  
THURSDAYS @ Church, 5:30-6:30 PM**

Zumba Gold is a low-impact, modified exercise program designed for seniors but works for all ages and fitness levels and is perfect for anyone who wants to burn calories and strengthen their muscles, all while enjoying a bit of a boogie. There is a \$3 suggested donation for each session. This is a great opportunity not only to take better care of ourselves, but also to invite a friend to do so as well. No RSVP is necessary. Just come and join us as we learn some new moves together! If you have questions, please contact Tanya Diederich at [peekabug@gmail.com](mailto:peekabug@gmail.com) or text her at 720-261-1607.



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

**THE APOSTLES' CREED: The First Article**

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."

**FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM**

"...All of this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

"What sacrifice will you bring to me? Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of lambs? For the world is mine, all the birds of the air and every beast of the field, every offering you can render is continually before me. Offer to your God a sacrifice of praise and pay him the vows you have made. The sacrifice of praise honors me duly and that is the way to salvation." These texts clearly show it must be a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in order to be acceptable to God, certainly never an offering without praise and thanksgiving. If an offering is made without praise and thanksgiving, God dislikes it and will not accept it, as He says through Isaiah, "What to be is your sacrifice? I have enough of your burnt offerings," etc.

There is nothing else we can give God, for he possesses everything and what we own, we have from Him. We can give Him nothing but praise, thanksgiving, and honor...praise is simply confessing the good gifts which we have received from God, not ascribing them to ourselves, but to Him alone, and returning them to Him. [AE 52:276-277]

**FROM THE SCRIPTURES:** "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer." (1 Timothy 4:4-5).





**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or [wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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**

**Loving Lord, Help us to live as those who have been redeemed by your precious blood rather than failing to trust in your love and your goodness because we allow ourselves to become tarnished by the fallen and broken world we live in. Show us our sin and also how you have removed it. Calm our fears and help us to be patient in understanding – knowing that you alone can know all things. Give us the ability to live in your grace and glorify you in our lives, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:**

Please pray for...

For Stephanie who is fighting colon cancer.

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

Rebecca S. who is fighting breast cancer.

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 is going through intensive chemotherapy.

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

For all of our local, state, and federal leaders that they would hear God's voice and lead with His wisdom.

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)**

### **November Birthdays**

11/4 Victoria Fisher  
11/5 Jordan Andrews  
11/6 Jackie Dillon  
11/14 Courtney Giles  
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) = \$7,980**

**General Fund Offerings = \$7,015**

**Debt Reduction Offerings = \$510**

**Dedicated Offerings = \$405**

**Other Income = \$50**

**November Expenses = \$1,297**

**Checking Accounts Balance = \$32,077**

**Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$47,406**

**Money Market Account Balance = \$107,483**