



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 14, 2017

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PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 303-941-0668.

THE NEXT HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING IS TODAY, NOVEMBER 14 FROM 2 TO 4 PM AT THE GUTKNECHT HOME

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 19, is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Spirit of Hope will again feature a Thanksgiving themed service this Sunday. Thanksgiving hymns will be sung and the biblical texts for the service will center on our national, historic day of lifting thanks unto God for all He does for us. The scripture readings will be Deuteronomy 8:1-18, 1Timothy 2:1-6, Luke 17:11-19 and selected Psalm readings. At the end of worship we will have a special mission presentation by Pastor David Breidenbach from East European Mission Network. Following that presentation there will be a special "Pie Fellowship!" Bring some pie to share that day. Youth and their parents will take their pie and join Pastor Breidenbach and his wife, Angela, for a special information and Q & A session about an exciting new international mission trip opportunity through EEMN next year. Coffee and beverage time will begin in the gym at Pine Lane Elementary North at 9:00 am (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Worship follows from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Pie Fellowship and EEMN youth and family information session will follow the worship service. Sunday School will be in recess for the next two Sundays.

SPECIAL PRAYER TIME THIS MONTH

By Pastor Dave

During the month of November, we will have some special presentations at the end of worship. In order to facilitate this, we are going to try something new with our prayer time after worship. Instead of having prayer circles as we normally do, there will be index cards in the bulletins each Sunday. Before worship you are invited to write a prayer request on the card. The cards will be collected at the end of the mission moment and given to me. I will include these requests during the prayers of the church. At the end of November, I along with the church board will evaluate this adjustment to our prayer time.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU

Spirit of Hope's Operation Christmas Child project concluded on Sunday with our youth and family packing party. Special thanks go to John and Kandy Parsons and to Thrivent Financial! The Parsons applied for a \$250 Action Team grant from Thrivent that was approved! They then went and bought the additional shoe box supplies that Spirit of Hope youth and parents packed on Sunday. This year's total was 62 shoeboxes (44 were packed on Sunday!). These boxes will be delivered by Renee Nefe this week to an OCC receiving center for processing over the next few weeks. Our youth will be a part of that processing. During their upcoming St. Nicholas weekend on December 2, youth and their chaperones will work at the Denver area processing center for a few hours getting shoeboxes ready for shipping and delivery to children overseas. These children will receive what often time is their only Christmas gifts along with a message about God's love for them in Jesus. **THANK YOU, to ALL** who have helped and participated to make Operation Christmas Child a success again this year!

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

St. Nicholas Weekend! 12/1- 12/2

Youth in grades 7 and up are invited to this year's St. Nicholas Weekend - a weekend of service and fun on December 2nd and 3rd! We will be having a service project on Friday evening (details coming soon!) followed by a Christmas carol party and lock-in at the Larson's home. Saturday we will be serving at the Operation Christmas Child

Warehouse (participants must be 13 years or older). The event will begin at approximately 4 pm on Friday evening and we will be back in Parker around 3:00 pm on Saturday. **WE WILL BE DOING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE - SO BE ON THE HUNT FOR ITEMS IN THE \$5-10 RANGE (AND RE-GIFTING IS BOTH ALLOWED AND ENCOURAGED!).** We will serve, we will party, and we will have a blast! Detailed information with RSVP deadlines will be posted on our youth group Facebook page soon. Be sure to check back for details! This will be our only youth group event in December so that youth and families may focus on school work, finals, and Christmas preparations. We hope that you can join us!

LETTER WRITING FOR MONICA OJEDA – NOVEMBER 26

Before and after worship on Sunday, November 26, Spirit of Hope will once more give an opportunity for those in attendance to write a short note or letter to Monica Ojeda. Monica is the girl our congregation supports through the ministry of Compassion International. She lives with her family in Columbia. In addition to our financial support and prayers (don't forget to give to the "Monica Jar" on the refreshment table on Sundays!), letters and notes of encouragement are always appreciated. So take a few moments on November 26 to encourage Monica with a short note or letter! Thank you.

MEAN STREET MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENT!

Christmas on Colfax is an event for poor and homeless families conducted by our mission partners, Mean Street Ministry. It will happen this year on December 9th, 11am - 3pm. The goal is to bless the homeless and low income families in the Denver area with a fun, God-filled afternoon. Participant first will come in, get registered and head off to a fun program. Illusionist Mel LaMar will share the gospel message through magic. Then everyone is treated to a yummy holiday meal. At this time, youth will come down to the parents, collect information about their children and then shortly return with a wrapped Christmas present for each child. After lunch, kids get to enjoy face painting, a horse drawn carriage ride and possibly more.

Here are a few areas that Mean Street Ministry needs help with:

- * Cooking items ahead of time
- * 15 donated turkeys need to be cooked

- * mashed potatoes need to be made (about 80-100#s of potatoes worth)
- * Posole...about 100 servings
- * approx. 75 pies
- * mac and cheese (for the kids)
- * Donations of
 - * hot dogs (for the kids)...150ish
 - * hot chocolate for 400-500
 - * dinner rolls for 500
 - * pre-popped popcorn
- * Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers...known areas:
 - * Set-up...8:30ish
 - * Tear down...3-5...we will be having a shelter that night, so need probably 10 plus people
 - * Servers (like waiters), dinner hosts, registration, kitchen help, as needed people

If God is calling you to be involved in any way, large or small way, please contact Tim Lehnerz or Pastor Dave. Anything at all will be dearly appreciated.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY, RENEE NEFE

If you have a few minutes between Church Service and Sunday School we would love it if you would consider joining the offering counters. While this job may sound difficult it really isn't. If you can fill out a deposit ticket for your home bank account, you can do the Church's deposit ticket. It is really easy and when we have enough counters you also have help from two other counters. There are 3 jobs. First is someone to read the checks and stamp them with the cancelling stamp. No math required! Second job is someone to fill in the deposit ticket. Just write down the check number and the check amount...almost no math required here and we use an adding machine or phone calculator for the bit that there is! and Third is to fill in the spreadsheet with the member's name, check number and amount in the column that corresponds to the account. We have an adding machine that takes care of the math for that (I don't do that in my head!) If I made that sound difficult, please come and watch it in action before you decide. Feel free to email any questions to reneenefe@yahoo.com or see me in person. Thanks for considering.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PEW REFURBISHING

A self-perform item that we as a congregation will need to accomplish before moving into the new church building is the installation of high quality pews and church furnishings that have been generously donated to the congregation. The furnishings were acquired recently from an area Lutheran church and are in very good condition. The pews, which are solid oak, do need some refurbishing to remove some scratches. Building team lead Rodney Pobar tested techniques to best accomplish this. The pews simply need to be cleaned and lightly re-stained. Contact Rodney at 303-815-9877 or Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 to volunteer to help. Thank you!

SOCIAL MEDIA AS AN EVANGELISM TOOL

By Intern Wendy

Social Media can be a wonderful evangelistic and outreach tool! Members and friends who are on Facebook: Did you know that you can help to get the word out about church happenings with just a click on your computer? Facebook actually provides us with a means in which we can share the gospel and also help Spirit of Hope to grow! There are three easy ways to do this. First, be sure to click "like" on any of the church Facebook posts that you enjoy. Often, your friends will see this and become aware of our congregation. Second, we encourage you to share any posts that you enjoy so that others may see them as well. For example, if you were blessed by the Prayer of the Week, why not share it with others? If there is a special service or event coming up, simply clicking the "share" button is a super quick and easy way to let people know what is happening. If you wish, you can even add a personal note of invitation as you share (though there is no requirement to do so). Third, you are both welcome and encouraged to invite your friends to like our church page. To do this, simply visit Spirit of Hope's Facebook page. Once there, you should see an option that allows you to invite your friends to like our page. You can click on any of your friends' names that you wish to invite. Should they choose to accept the invitation, they will be able to follow our church happenings first hand. If you would like some help in figuring out how to use Facebook as an evangelistic outreach tool, we would be happy to help! Please feel free to contact Renee Nefe or Intern Wendy with any questions or ideas that you might have regarding social media usage.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November 19 – Thanksgiving Sunday and EEMN Missions Sunday

Pastor David and Angela Breidenbach from East European Mission Network will give a special presentation at the end of our Thanksgiving themed service. Pie fellowship will follow. Please bring some pie to share!

November 26 – Letter Writing to Monica Ojeda

Before and after worship there will be an opportunity to write a short note or letter to our Compassion International Child in Columbia, Monica Ojeda

December 1 & 2 Youth St. Nicholas Weekend at Larson's Home

It is the annual Christmas Party and service weekend for SOH youth!

December 24, Christmas Eve Worship at PEPC – 7:30 pm

Once again our candlelight, carols and communion worship on Sunday, December 24, will happen at Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Cookie and punch reception will follow.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668

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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 healing for Jackie Dillon who was involved in an auto accident last Friday in which she suffered four broken ribs and bruises

For healing and strength for Rachel Winegar, the adult daughter of Ben Potthoff's 5th grade teacher. Rachel is battling colon cancer and being treated with chemotherapy in the Denver area

For all the families of the victims of the shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas

For healing for Ben Potthoff who reinjured his knee last week

For healing for Bob Clark from gall bladder surgery last week

For continued healing from vascular issues for James Kallas the father of Cathy Morano's friend in Chicago, Traci

For healing for Tracey Ramirez from her recent ankle surgery

For Donna Maxwell to heal from recent knee replacement surgery

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)

November Birthdays

11/4 Victoria Fisher
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
11/30 Chuck & Wendy West

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

November income (to date) = **\$8,274**

November expenses (to date) = **\$749**

Checking = **\$41,721**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,209**

Building Fund = **\$453,343**