



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 15, 2016

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 20, is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Spirit of Hope will feature a Thanksgiving themed service. Special 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. Following worship there will be a special “Pie Fellowship!” Bring some pie to share that day. The kids and youth will also pack items into our remaining Operation Christmas Child boxes for delivery the following week (see article below). Since the service will focus on Thanksgiving that day, Sunday, November 20, will replace our usual Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

Coffee and beverage time will begin in the Pine Lane Elementary South cafeteria at 9:00 am. Worship follows from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Pie Fellowship and OCC Packing Party will follow the worship service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY!

Operation Christmas Child will wrap up **THIS COMING SUNDAY** at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church! Shoe box size packages with basic items and small toys that will be sent to needy children all over the world along with a gospel message. You can bring your boxes or items for the special Sunday School packing party to be held on November 20! **Information on what to pack (and not pack) is available at the following Operation Christmas Child link:** <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

THE TABLE IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA WILL BE UP THIS SUNDAY TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATION OF BOXES OR SUPPLIES!

After November 20, all boxes will be delivered for distribution overseas.

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Group Events

11/20 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

12/9-10 St. Nicholas Weekend (4 pm Friday - Saturday afternoon - exact time TBD)

1/8 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

1/22 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION FOR TIFFANY POCH

By Wendy Poch

The Poch Family would like to invite everyone in our Spirit of Hope family to an open house event at our home on December 4th from 5pm-8pm. We will be celebrating Tiffany's safe return from her 3-month long mission trip to Nicaragua and would also like to thank you for being so supportive of Tiffany and of our family during this time. This is an open house, so drop in whenever it is convenient and stay as little or long as you wish. Appetizers will be served throughout the evening. RSVP's are appreciated, though not required. All are welcome!

CHOIR PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Spirit of Hope Choir rehearses EACH Thursday at the home of Jackie Dillon (9071 Apache Plume, Apt C, Parker, CO 80134) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Led by Brenda Reinicke and accompanied by Stacy Fahrion the choir is now rehearsing Christmas music that will be offered in worship in early December. **YOU CAN MAKE A SEASONAL CHRISTMAS COMMITMENT TO SING WITH THE CHOIR IN EARLY DECEMBER!** Please contact Brenda for more information at brendar4flute@gmail.com.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!

Hopeful Spirits Meeting 11/8/2016

Present: Kandy Parsons, Jean Huebsch, Carol Palin, Andrea Hoyt, and Sara Gutknecht

Our meeting opened with a prayer and devotion.

OLD BUSINESS:

--Craft/Bake sale was a success! No plans yet for the next craft/bake sale, but definitely will have one in 2017.

--Prayer Quilt -- one on standby.

--Church directory -- still working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Refreshments were taken to Pine Lane Elementary school today as an outreach to the school.

Pastor left some information on the table next to the refreshments - "Do you need hope in life? Come find hope with us!" - and times for our worship and fellowship.

--Chrismons - we are not going to be making any more Chrismons this year - next year in July we will look at having a mini workshop making them. This year, the feeling is that we probably have enough. We will see what Pastor wants to do as far as decorating the tree and maybe this could be done during fellowship on November 27th?

--Advent starts on November 27th. Hopeful Spirits will be doing a Reverse Advent Basket - each day of advent, a food item will be put in a basket. This basket will then be delivered to Secor. We will give Pastor our baskets and he will deliver them to Secor. Secor will be closed on 12/23, 12/24, 12/25, and 12/26. Watch the newsletter for a delivery date to Pastor.

--In January, the Hopeful Spirits will begin discussing "A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers. This is a Bible based discussion of 5 women in the Bible.

--After our business meeting, we spent the rest of our time packing Blessing Bags. Thanks to Kandy for obtaining \$250.00 from Thrivent for this purpose. Also thanks again for the donations we received. Kandy and Sara went shopping Tuesday morning and spent all but \$4.00! We went to the Dollar Store and Wal-Mart - most helpful was the tax exempt form, which saved us about \$19.00 in taxes. We

packed 63 blessing bags and will be bringing them to church on Sunday 11/13 - members can take bags and put them in their cars to give out to the homeless whenever the opportunity arises.

We were pleased with our bags -- each bag has a bottle of water, either a hat or gloves, pair of socks, deodorant, wet wipes, Kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap; granola bar, cookie pack, goldfish; and raisins. Some bags also had jerky, shampoo, lotion, and combs. We will be looking forward to feedback from everyone as they pass out these bags.

--Next meeting December 13th. We are going to do something a little different since it is the holiday season. Bring a spouse, friend, or other, or come alone, and we will have time to socialize. We will have a Christmas based devotion and prayer. Also bring either an appetizer or a dessert that is a family tradition -- maybe something that comes from your ancestral background.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

CHURCH BOARD NEWS

At the meeting of November 9, the church board recognized the proposed incoming board members for 2017. Current board members Wayne Schultz, Brad Hoyt and Wendy Poch are scheduled to off the board. Board members Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz have one year remaining on their terms. Spirit of Hope member John Parsons has been nominated to come onto the board. Board members Wayne Schultz and Brad Hoyt have agreed to renew their terms on the board with an option to step down after the completion of the building project. As a point of information Wendy Poch will continue to attend board meetings as part of her student pastor requirements with ILT. She will have voice but no vote and be required to make periodic reports to the board as a part of her internship.

From now until the annual meeting of the congregation in late January or early February (the date has not yet been set) members of the congregation are welcome to submit input to the board as a whole or any individual board members regarding the proposed incoming board members.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or dave.fisher51@gmail.com

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:

Prayers for God's healing and the unity of our nation to happen in the aftermath of last week's election results. Please pray for President Obama and President-elect Trump as they work together to peacefully transfer political power over the next two months

Prayers for Tiffany Poch as she continues three months of mission work in Nicaragua

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zwegardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For special prayers of providence for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia to meet their current funding shortfall

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays

11/4 Victoria Fisher
11/6 Jackie Dillon
11/8 Betty Zwegardt
11/11 Holly Shobe
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
11/30 Alan & Holly Shobe

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

November income (to date) = **\$11,323**

November expenses (to date) = **\$2,089**

Checking = **\$30,522**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**

Building Fund = **\$126,930**