



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, November 21st AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: M - TH 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
*****CHURCH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY*****

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope Is Christ the King Sunday! We will continue our reading through the letter to the Hebrews. This week Pastor Dave will preach from Hebrews 4:1-13 which focuses on the importance of living in God's Rest.

GIVEN THE CONTINUED RISE IN COVID-19 CASES IN DOUGLAS COUNTY OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipnovember22.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.

****NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK**** We will be setting up our Christmas Tree and also packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (see articles below!).

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS – THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday after worship we will need volunteers who can help set up and decorate Spirit of Hope's Christmas tree so that it is ready for the first Sunday in Advent (which will be the very next Sunday, November 29th). Due to current COVID restrictions, masks and physical distancing will be required at all times and we will not be able to serve food at this event.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday after worship members of all ages are invited to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have had so many donations come in that we are asking everyone who has extra shoeboxes (any size works!) to bring them in so we can fill them and ship them to children in need. Due to current COVID restrictions, masks and physical distancing will be required at all times and we will not be able to serve food at this event.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETS TODAY

The Hopeful Spirits will be meeting today at 1:30 pm via ZOOM. Ladies who would like to join can do so by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86947711195?pwd=TIhqB2svekxjcTZSVFNFOXIZaVMydz09>

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST TOMORROW WEDS. 7:30 AM

This Wednesday, men are invited to join in a time of prayer, but due to COVID restrictions will be skipping the breakfast. As such, this event, which normally begins at 7 am, will meet at 7:30 am. This prayer meeting will take place both in the fellowship hall and on Zoom. If you would like to participate via Zoom, please click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88005031335?pwd=bTV4MmtLVjhaV3haMEZzZSsrZmRKZz09>

ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Advent officially begins Sunday, November 29th. In addition to Sunday Services, this year we are planning three Wednesday evening Holden Evening Prayer Services on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Our theme for those Wednesday evenings: "Advent Past, Present, and Future". Please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to these dates and continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SPECIAL REQUEST!

By Renee Nefe

I have realized that we will most likely have a very terrific problem with our OCC shoebox packing party this year... we might run out of empty shoeboxes to fill. We have received a lot of supplies for packing shoeboxes...so much so that I am worried that we need more boxes to fill.

If you have empty shoeboxes that you can donate for the packing party guests to fill please bring them to church or contact Renee Nefe about arranging pick up/drop off.

A huge thank you to everyone who has brought in filled shoeboxes, bought shoeboxes online and who have brought in supplies for our packing party. Your donations are very much appreciated and will go a long way to reaching children and their families all over the world with the gospel.

MORE WAYS TO HELP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020

PACK A SHOEBOX FROM HOME!

You can pack a personalized shoebox without leaving the house! And, it will count toward Spirit of Hope's shoebox total! It's as easy as clicking here (or cut and paste into your browser): https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/goal/my-goal/c381c193-e7f3-45b4-87cd-865bc128a935/269927e3-3e4e-450e-be7d-450393e92c94?fbclid=IwAR3Aw7HaC_WeYfR6Pa3-i3JssB1bQFmRYbbbmoc8rE4k_zkor_5keWhJWgM

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of November 12, 2020, Douglas County is now in Level Orange (previously stage 3) on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that Sunday fellowship and communion have been suspended until further notice. Masks are required at all times while in the building (except for worship leaders actively leading worship) as is the keeping of a six-foot distance between household units. Our pastors and church board are monitoring the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

Beginning Monday, November 23rd, church office hours will be by appointment only. Both Pastor Dave and Pastor Wendy are available to meet with anyone wishing to schedule an appointment either in person, via phone or via Zoom. This adjustment is being made as an additional safety precaution during our current COVID situation.

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 at all times unless instructed otherwise. 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.

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!

BIBLE STUDY 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=ZWNIUmhjTmY4UjByQjRhTFlybEE1Zz09>

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.

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/>

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. or 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

For healing and calm in the aftermath of the 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) = \$14,005

General Fund Offerings = \$11,502

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,220

Dedicated Offerings = \$173

Other Income = \$110

November expenses (to date) = \$9,440*

Checking = \$35,184

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

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$46,150

Building Money Market = \$20,061

***Includes quarterly benevolence distribution.**