



Mission News from SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Wednesday, November 17, 2021

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THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. It's also the final Sunday of the Church year! Pastor Wendy will be preaching on Isaiah 9:1-7. Her sermon is titled, "What Kind of King?". Sunday School is in recess this week as we will be decorating our sanctuary Christmas tree, our new youth Christmas tree, and packing shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Please join us for a special time of pre-Advent fellowship that is sure to be fun for all!



ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK ON NOVEMBER 28th

In addition to Advent worship on Sunday mornings, here are the details of the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season:

Wednesdays (12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22):

6:00 pm: Fellowship Dinners (Bring a dish to share)

12/1: Italian

12/8: Mexican

12/15: Potluck from the Past

12/22: Simple Soups

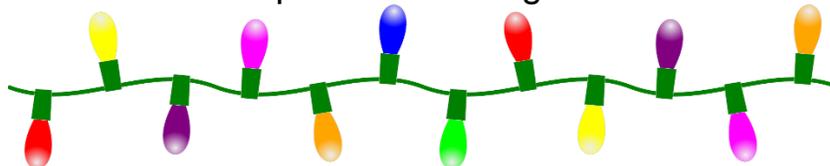
7:00 pm: Holden Evening Prayer Worship

The message each week the Christmas story creatively told from the vantage points of the innkeeper, Joseph, a shepherd, and Herod.

Fellowship/Service Events:

12/4 OCC Warehouse Event 10 am – 2:30 pm

12/10 5:30 pm Advent Gingerbread Event





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS

Sunday, November 21st

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 4th

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 28th if you can help with this service event.**

ADVENT EVENT! GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 5:30 pm

Join us for this intergenerational event! We will enjoy a simple dinner of appetizers (please bring an appetizer to share) and make gingerbread houses while listening to Christmas music and having a blast. 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

It's not too late to join our 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 – 8:30 pm**.

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL

On December 5th the Adult Sunday School class will begin a two week look at one of our core beliefs, "Preserving Life". We will first review the history of the various ways in which lives are taken and then look specifically at the lives lost through abortion since Roe v. Wade. In week two we will look at the current abortion cases being heard by the Supreme Court and discuss possible outcomes and implications.

Then, in a change of pace on December 19th we will investigate various theories regarding when Christ was born and learn why we celebrate His birthday on December 25th.

Our Elementary Sunday School will be focusing on the birth of Jesus.

LUTHERAN MILITARY VETERANS AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

In honor of our Veterans, the Church Board has authorized a special donation in the amount of \$1,000 to a ministry to Lutheran Military Veteran and Families Ministries. This ministry offers free Christian counseling to all veterans, contractors and their families at no charge. They also help provide service dogs to veterans with PTSD, help with issues that often arise for veterans and their families around the holidays, and also bring awareness to Lutheran congregations about the needs of these families who have given so much to the rest of us. To learn more about this special ministry, please visit their website at <https://lmvfm.org/>.



COMING UP THIS WEEK AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

Office Hours: Tues., Weds., Fri. 10 am – 2 pm

Wednesday, November 17th

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

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

Thursday, November 18th

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Zumba Gold

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Christmas Choir

Friday, November 19th

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

Sunday, November 21st

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Tree Decorating and OCC Packing Party

Tuesday, November 23rd

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

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

Wednesday, November 24th

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fellowship

SECRET SISTERS for 2022!

ATTENTION ALL LADIES!!

If you would like to participate in our Secret Sisters Prayer Program for 2022, please fill out a new registration form and place it in the basket on the table near the main entrance by 11/28.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AND PIE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, November 24th @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>

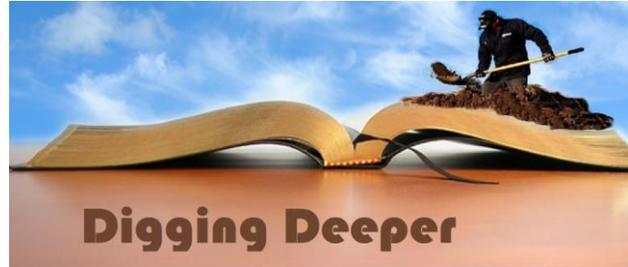
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tonight's Bible study will be about the Magi. Beginning on November 24th, Wednesday Night Bible studies will be in recess as we will be having worship services on Wednesday evenings until Christmas. Wednesday night Bible studies will resume on January 12th.

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. 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 or text her at 720-261-1607.



FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD (The Lutheran Confessions):

THE APOSTLES' CREED: The Second Article

"I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead."

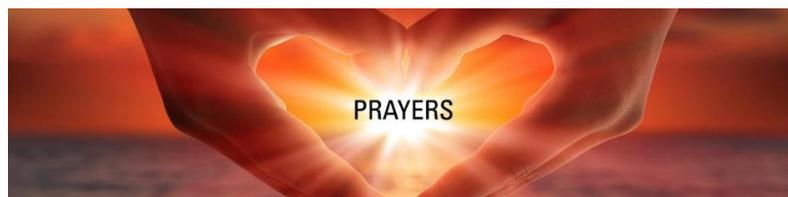
FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

“What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord...”

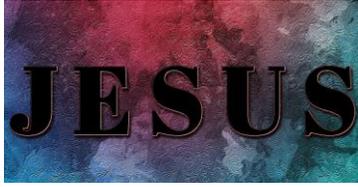
FROM LUTHER’S WRITINGS

“Indeed, who could ever grasp the full meaning of these words of the evangelist: “a Savior, who is the Lord,” and, “to you”! I know well enough how to talk about it and what to believe about it, just as others do. So, there are many who have this belief and do not doubt this first belief that Christ is the Lord, the Savior, and the virgin’s Son. This I too have never doubted. But if these words are planted no higher than in my thoughts, then they have no firm roots. We are certain that this was proclaimed by the angel, but the firm faith does not follow. For the reason does not understand both sides of this faith, first that Christ is a man, but also the Savior and Lord and King. This needs to be revealed from heaven. One who really has the first faith also has the other. Beyond the first faith there must be the second faith, that Christ is not only the virgin’s Son, but also the Lord of angels and the Savior of men.” (AE 51:212-213)

FROM THE SCRIPTURES: “And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)



Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please contact Pastor Wendy @ 303-841-3553 or 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 recognize that you are truly man and truly God – and that you are both our Savior, who humbled yourself to be born as a babe and to become our sin, and that you are our King, who has all authority over heaven and earth. Forgive us for trying to use human reason when it comes to understanding your two natures (divine and human). Give us faith to trust your Word, to worship you, and to give you thanks and praise for who you are, first and foremost, and also for the life you have freely given to us through your birth, death, and resurrection. Amen.

Please include the following people and situations in your prayers:

Please pray for...

For Ken G. who is recovering from surgery.

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) = \$9,450

General Fund Offerings = \$8,145

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$810

Dedicated Offerings = \$445

Other Income = \$50

November Expenses = \$1,712

Checking Accounts Balance = \$35,447

Debt Reduction Account Balance = \$47,406

Money Market Account Balance = \$105,281