



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, November 26, is the last Sunday of the month, the Sunday after Thanksgiving and Christ the King Sunday on the church calendar. At Spirit of Hope will return to the reading of the gospel of Luke during worship. We will do a “flashback” of sorts by returning to the first chapter of Luke to read the Advent material that is the first chapter of the gospel. After Christmas and the New Year we will go back to where we left off in Luke 5. This Sunday we read the birth announcement of John the Baptist in Luke 1:5-25.

Fellowship begins officially 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. Sunday School is in recess this Sunday. However, we will have a special mission activity after worship (see article below).

LETTER WRITING FOR MONICA OJEDA – THIS SUNDAY!

Before and after worship this Sunday, 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 **THIS SUNDAY** to encourage Monica with a short note or letter! Thank you.

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 1st and 2nd! We will have a service project on Friday evening preparing some Bibles for distribution through Mean Street Ministry 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!

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.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS MEETING NOTES

Meeting November 14, 2017

Present were Renee Nefe, Carol Palin, Kandy Parsons, and Sara Gutknecht.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Sara gave a Thanksgiving devotion from the Salvation Army, another devotion on Choose Gratitude Every Day, Not Just at Thanksgiving, and we read Bible verses on Thanksgiving.

BLESSING BAGS—we will be shopping for items for the Blessing Bags on Monday, December 4th and will be packing the bags on Tuesday, December 12th at Sara's house. This will be a social meeting, spouses invited or anyone who would like to come. We will have Xmas goodies, fellowship and beverages. The bags will be taken to church on December 17th and given to any of our members who want to help with giving to the homeless.

We are hoping to have enough items to be able to share bags with Mean Street Ministries.

THERE WILL BE A BASKET AT CHURCH IF ANYONE IN THE CONGREGATION WANTS TO DONATE TO THE HOMELESS. SOME IDEAS FOR USEFUL ITEMS ARE: BOTTLED WATER, WINTER HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, DEODORANT, WET WIPES, SMALL PACKAGES OF KLEENEX, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, COMBS, LOTIONS, SOAP, SMALL BOXES OF RAISINS, SMALL PACKAGES OF GOLDFISH OR OTHER CRACKERS, COOKIE PACKS, GRANOLA BARS. THE ITEMS WILL BE PACKED IN A GALLON ZIPLOCK BAG.

We also discussed making scarves for Mean Street Ministry...using up yarn. Carol had a great idea for neck warmers...and brought a pattern for a knitted neck warmer or a flannel to the Crossways Bible class. If anybody is interested in this, please contact Carol. Sara has the patterns but has never made them...

CRAFT/BAKE SALE — This year's craft sale was a success, raising \$463.00 for missions. Such a success that the suggestion was made that we have a craft and bake sale twice next year. Susan suggested we have the next craft/bake sale before Mother's Day 2018. A tentative date was chosen-April 29, 2018-the focus will be on Mother's Day gifts or craft kits that someone could make for their mothers. (And maybe fathers...but we did not get that far.)

Sayings with the word 'hope'— We are collecting sayings or verses with the word 'hope' in them. If anyone knows of such, please share.

Warm Hearts, Warm Babies— Renee brought a flyer from this organization...we discussed what we could do to help, and will revisit this in January. Maybe a fabric, batting donation?

Carrie Breum—Over the past several months, members of Hopeful Spirits have collected ideas for Carrie Breum to use in China with her students. Our packet is finally complete and will be given to Wendy for mailing.

Banners for new church—. On hold until we can get measurements for available spaces.

A thank you note from Loreena Hoyt was shared.

Our meeting was closed with prayer, praying for healing for those in our congregation who are dealing with health issues.

Next meeting December 12 at Sara's House.

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 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 Wayne Schultz' brother, Linn, and his wife, Leslie, who live in Texas. Linn has fallen several times the past two days in his care facility and has cracked two ribs. Please pray for healing and strength for both Linn and Leslie

For healing for Jackie Dillon who was involved in an auto accident 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) = **\$9,555**

November expenses (to date) = **\$5,547**

Checking = **\$38,385**

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

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