



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, November 28th AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE: ADVENT BEGINS!

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope is the first Sunday in Advent! We will be taking a break from our reading of Hebrews and focus on Advent texts that will help prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's birth. Our focus on this first Sunday in Advent will be on the prophets who foretold the coming Messiah. Pastor Dave will preach from Isaiah 9:2-7 and will share why the prophet's message before the coming of Christ still gives us hope today in 2020.

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipnovember29.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. Our intergenerational Sunday School will meet in the fellowship hall after worship.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

In Sunday school this week we will be studying the story of Elijah being taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire. Our texts are 2 Kings 2:1-14 and John 13:31-35. All ages are welcome to join us as we meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship. If you would like to attend Sunday School via Zoom, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy by 8:30 am on Sunday morning.

A THANK YOU FROM THE HANSON FAMILY

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for our family. We can't put into words how much it means to be a part of such a wonderful church home! We feel so blessed that God guided us to this most amazing place. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms since day #1 of us coming here. Love, Ryan & Tiffany Hanson.

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE

By Renee Nefe

Thank you so much to everyone who donated supplies for our shoebox packing party. Our goal this year was to beat last year's 104 shoeboxes...

And we packed 114! YAY! Thank you all so much! We have also received 23 shoeboxes packed by members and 16 build a shoebox online have been done so far for a grand total of 153 shoeboxes. You are all amazing, thank you all so very much.

If you still would like to pack a shoebox or build a shoebox online, there is still time. Just bring your filled shoebox to church and they will get delivered the next day to the processing center. You can still build a box online by clicking here: <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/goal/view/c381c193-e7f3-45b4-87cd-865bc128a935>

Shoeboxes processed at the Denver Processing Center go to Mexico, Native American Tribes and then to South Africa from Johannesburg. Shoeboxes built online go to countries that are not Christian Friendly and are packed so they can get into those countries. On behalf of the 153 children and their families who are going to get to know Jesus through your gifts, Thank You!

ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Advent officially begins this 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”. The registration link and live stream link will be sent out on the Sunday prior to each Wednesday service. Presently, we are planning on having these services live in the sanctuary as well as having a live stream link available. But please stay tuned as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation carefully.

MARION MEDICAL MISSION VIRTUAL FALL CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th at 5:00 pm.

This Sunday night, Marion Medical Mission will be having an online celebration to celebrate 35 years of life-giving ministry! You all are invited! Some members of Spirit of Hope have helped to create videos that will be shown as part of this special event. If you would like to attend, please register in advance by clicking on this link:

<https://www.mmmwater.org/virtual>

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of November 20, 2020, Douglas County is now in CODE RED 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.

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!

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.

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 complete healing for Chris and Pat Schmidt.

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) = \$27,631

General Fund Offerings = \$13,127

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$2,520

Dedicated Offerings = \$11,874*

Other Income = \$110

November expenses (to date) = \$9,546**

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 a \$10,000 donation to TAT House of Hope**

****Includes quarterly benevolence distribution.**