



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 26, 2019

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY – THURSDAY THIS WEEK DUE TO WEATHER AND THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 2

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of Advent begins this Sunday, December 1! Advent is the time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season invites us to ponder what it means to prepare for the coming of Christ into our world and lives. At Spirit of Hope we will again engage in some traditions to help us spiritually prepare for Christmas: the lighting of the Advent wreath, displaying the Christmas tree with Chrismons (monograms of Christ) and the singing of Advent and Christmas carols. This Advent season the Sunday messages will be a series entitled, "God's Christmas Plan." This Sunday the theme will be "The Prophets Predicted." We will look at three Old Testament prophecies about the coming of Jesus and how God's plan of salvation was formed long before the first Christmas. Also, the Praise Band will be back to lead singing!

Everything starts this Sunday at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Fellowship officially begins at 9:00 am. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday is at 11:00 am.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES THIS SUNDAY

Our intergenerational Sunday school will resume this coming Sunday at 11:00 am in the fellowship area of the church. Pastors Dave and Wendy co-lead the class which this week will cover the story of Ezra and the rededication of the temple. There is something for all ages to participate in. Come and be blessed by studying God's word together!

DECEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH

Starting this Sunday, Spirit of Hope continues the tradition of collecting tomato products for SECOR Cares and reading glasses, action toys and Christian coloring books for Mean Street Ministry. Thanks for your donations!

MEAN STREET MINISTRY CHRISTMAS ON COLFAX IS DECEMBER 14 *11:00 am to 2:00 pm*

Once more our mission partners at Mean Street Ministry are hosting their annual Christmas on Colfax to relationally minister with the homeless families who would otherwise not have a Christmas celebration. Volunteers are needed to sign up in time blocks to help set up, serve lunch, clean up, distribute gifts and minister to the guests who attend. To sign up to volunteer visit Mean Street's website at www.meanstreetministry.org and click on the volunteer link.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RECORD SET

Last Sunday, November 24, after worship approximately 25 – 30 Spirit of Hope members and friends gathered for the Operation Christmas Child packing party. In addition to collecting prepacked boxes our volunteers packed boxes with donated items as well as items purchased through a Thrivent Action Team grant. Our record from last year was 70 boxes and the goal this year was 100 boxes. At the end of the packing party we had packed 102 boxes! Praise God! The boxes will now go to the Denver processing and distribution center

before being shipped along with a gospel message to children all over the world who would not have Christmas gifts otherwise. Thank you to all who helped with Sunday's efforts and especially to Thrivent Financial for Christians for the Action Team resources as well as to Renee Nefe for organizing our efforts.

CHOIR IS REHEARSING FOR DECEMBER WORSHIP

The Spirit of Hope Choir is now rehearsing for the Christmas anthems that will be offered in worship in December. **THE NEXT REHEARSAL IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 7:00 PM AT CHURCH!** If you would like to join the choir for this seasonal offering please contact our choir director, Brenda Reinicke, at Brendar4flute@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent; Hopeful Spirits Craft/Bake Sale before and after worship

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent; All Church Advent Potluck 5pm

SPIRIT OF HOPE EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Wednesday Midweek Advent Fellowship and Worship

December 4, 11, 18. Fellowship at 6:00 pm; Worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm. Take an evening each Wednesday in Advent from all the holiday hustle and bustle to fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and worship the Lord. On each of the three Wednesdays of Advent we will share food from 6 pm to 7 pm. Here is the menu plan:

December 4 – Appetizer Potluck: Bring a favorite appetizer to share

December 11 – Chili Potluck: Bring your favorite chili recipe

December 18 – Pizza on the Pastor: Don't worry about bringing food this night as Pastor Dave will provide some pizza! Beverages will be provided each night of Advent Fellowship.

Holden Evening Prayer Worship: At 7 pm each of the Wednesday evenings of Advent we will gather in the sanctuary to prepare our hearts for Christmas by worshipping with the pleasant Holden

Evening Prayer Service. During each Wednesday a scripture and Christmas themed story will be shared.

December 4 – "Refugee Christmas"

December 11 – "Coming in Person"

December 18 – "The Tablecloth"

Youth and Family Event

Christmas Carols Party - Saturday, December 7th, 5-8pm

Youth of all ages (and parents and grandparents too) are invited for an evening of fellowship, food, carols and Christmas fun at the church! Dinner will be a pot luck. Please RSVP to Kasja Larson (larsonsc@msn.com) by December 1st.

All Church Advent Potluck – Sunday, December 15, 5 – 8 pm

On Sunday evening, December 15, we gather in the fellowship area of the church for an Advent potluck dinner. Meats and beverages will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm

Our traditional worship service featuring carols, communion and candle lighting will take place for the first time in our new facility. Please bring some cookies or other Christmas “finger food” for our fellowship reception following worship.

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 pastordave@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:

Thanksgiving for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they prepare to move into their new facility this month and continue fundraise to make loan payments

Traci Kallas who is dealing with chronic health issues

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, Southeast Community Outreach, Mean Street Ministry, 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
11/5 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) = \$15,459

November expenses (to date) = \$9,080

Checking = \$18,009

Money Market = \$29,197 (Reserves = \$10,416 Dedicated = \$18,781)

Building Loan Interest Escrow* = \$21,611

***Per church board action, with the completion of the building project the building fund is closing and all funds are converting to the building loan payment escrow account**