



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 28, 2017

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PASTORAL INTERN WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 303-514-5266.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The season of Advent begins this Sunday, December 3! 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, the placing of Chrismons (monograms of Christ) on a Christmas tree, and the singing of Advent and Christmas carols. We will also continue our Advent readings in the gospel of Luke. This Sunday we read about the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Fellowship Time is from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Worship is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School for all ages resumes this Sunday at 11:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Kid's class – studying the Gospel of John is taught by Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher meeting in the upstairs art room

High School youth class on the Gospel of Luke will be taught by Pastor Dave this Sunday and meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym

Women's Study facilitated by Wendy West is studying the Gospel of Luke using a resource by Christian author, Max Lucado, meeting in the upstairs resource center

A new General Adult Study will begin this Sunday as Joseph Ravitts will lead a class entitled, "Why Did God Do That?" Stories from scripture that are sometimes confusing will be covered to answer this question. The class meets in the main gym

YOUTH NEWS!

Upcoming Youth Events

St. Nicholas Weekend! 12/1- 12/2 THIS COMING FRIDAY & SATURDAY!

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 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 is posted on our youth group Facebook page. 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!

January Events!

Prayer and pie night 1/3 from 7-8:30 pm

Youth Group 1/7 from 12-2 pm

Youth Group 1/28 from 12-2 pm.

DECEMBER IS A FIVE SUNDAY MISSION TUB MONTH!

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

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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 a friend of Christian Ramirez, Taryn Serio, and Taryn's sister and another friend who were involved in a serious auto accident on Saturday. Please pray for Taryn to heal as she is in the hospital with a broken back. The other two involved in the accident have been released from the hospital but are suffering from concussions and trauma

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 a recent 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 recently reinjured his knee

For healing for Bob Clark from recent gall bladder surgery

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 Anniversaries

11/30 Chuck & Wendy West

December Birthdays

12/5 Denise Christensen

12/5 Laura Zwegardt

12/11 Carolyn Kleven

12/16 Chloe Lehnerz

12/20 Herb Potthoff

12/21 Delmer Zwegardt

12/28 Joseph Ravitts

December Anniversaries

12/14 Marvin & Polly Gates

12/18 Justin & Crystal Trawny

12/23 Wayne & Sue Schultz

12/27 Jack & Jean Huebsch

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

November income (to date) = **\$11,386**

November expenses (to date) = **\$9,347**

Checking = **\$34,930**

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

Building Fund = **\$455,263**