



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 29, 2016

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### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

This Sunday, December 4, is the second Sunday in Advent. Advent is the time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. This coming Sunday Spirit of Hope welcomes back Rev. Dr. Philip Johnson who will preach and preside at communion while Pastor Dave is in Arizona helping with some family matters. Pastoral Intern, Wendy Poch, will lead worship that day. Scriptures for the day will include Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, and Matthew 3:1-12. Fellowship Time is from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Worship is from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Sunday School classes will resume this Sunday at 11:00 am.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY**

Here is the lineup of classes for Sunday School this coming Sunday:  
Kid's class – Andrea Hoyt and Victoria Fisher teach the kids about Jesus; His story and His teachings.

The Confirmation Class will join with the High School youth for a class on apologetics taught by Wendy and Glenn Poch. Timely topics are being covered in this class!

Women's Study will meet this week in the Teacher's Lounge for a study of Women of the Bible.

General Adult Study will be in recess for this Sunday.

### **YOUTH NEWS!**

#### ***Upcoming Youth Group Events***

12/9-10 St. Nicholas Weekend (4 pm Friday - Saturday afternoon - exact time TBD)

1/8 Youth Group Night, Poch Home, 6-8 pm

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### ***St. Nicholas Weekend 12/9 and 12/10***

The youth group's annual St. Nicholas Weekend is back! Youth in grades 7 and up are invited to a weekend of Christmas service and Christmas fun! Susan Spancers will once again be opening up her home to serve as headquarters for the weekend! Youth will meet at Mrs. Spancers at 4 pm. We will enjoy an early dinner together and then head up to Aurora to help wrap Christmas presents for refugee families that are working with Lutheran Family Services of the Rockies. We will then return to Mrs. Spancers home for an evening of Christmas fun including our crazy gift exchange, Christmas games, snacks, and a late-night Christmas movie. In the morning, after breakfast, we will head back to Aurora to work with LFS in delivering gifts to the refugees in the Aurora/Denver area. These gifts are likely the only ones these families will receive. We will arrive back in Parker no later than 3 pm, but possibly earlier. Youth are asked to bring a snack or treat to share. Please RSVP by 12/4.

### **OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION FOR TIFFANY POCH**

The Poch Family would like to invite everyone in our Spirit of Hope family to an open house event at our home on December 4th from 5pm-8pm. We will be celebrating Tiffany's safe return from her 3-month long mission trip to Nicaragua and would also like to thank you for being so supportive of Tiffany and of our family during this time. This is an open house, so drop in whenever it is convenient and stay as little or long as you wish. Appetizers will be served throughout the evening. RSVP's are appreciated, though not required. All are welcome!

### **HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS!**

**The Next Hopeful Spirits Meeting is Tuesday, December 13, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Sara Gutknecht**

### **CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM COMING TO SPIRIT OF HOPE**

The very well-known and effective Bible study program, Crossways, is coming to Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church in January. The two-year program covers the entirety of the Bible in overview, yet in-depth fashion. Crossways will be taught by Pastoral Intern, Wendy Poch. More information is in the letter attached to this newsletter. Watch for more details to come in December!

## **CHURCH BOARD NEWS**

At the meeting of November 9, the church board recognized the proposed incoming board members for 2017. Current board members Wayne Schultz, Brad Hoyt and Wendy Poch are scheduled to off the board. Board members Susan Spancers, Steve Gutknecht and Tim Lehnerz have one year remaining on their terms. Spirit of Hope member John Parsons has been nominated to come onto the board. Board members Wayne Schultz and Brad Hoyt have agreed to renew their terms on the board with an option to step down after the completion of the building project. As a point of information Wendy Poch will continue to attend board meetings as part of her student pastor requirements with ILT. She will have voice but no vote and be required to make periodic reports to the board as a part of her internship.

From now until the annual meeting of the congregation in late January or early February (the date has not yet been set) members of the congregation are welcome to submit input to the board as a whole or any individual board members regarding the proposed incoming board members.

## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Last week's expected rebar installation to prepare for the concrete pouring of the pad was pushed to this week due to last week's weather and the holiday. Electrical wiring and installation of the parking lot poles and lights is also continuing this week. The documentation for installation of permanent electrical power to the site was submitted last Wednesday. IREA stated that it will likely take six to eight weeks for the work order to be completed. The building team, pastor, contractor, and architect continue to work to finalize drawings for resubmission to the fire department. Thank you for continuing to pray and support the building project.

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastor Dave at 303-941-0668 or [dave.fisher51@gmail.com](mailto:dave.fisher51@gmail.com)

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:**

Prayers President Obama and President-elect Trump as they work together to peacefully transfer political power over the next two months

Prayers for safety for Tiffany Poch and her mission team mates as they return to Atlanta for debriefing before returning home later this week

Prayers for renewed healing and strength from cancer for Sue Schultz as she continues this current round of stronger chemotherapy

For healing for Dane Zweygardt as he continues treatment for lung cancer

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, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Tartu Academy of Theology

For special prayers of providence for the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia to meet their current funding shortfall

For missionaries around the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel

All of our military fighting for our freedoms

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **November Anniversaries**

11/30 Chuck & Wendy West

11/30 Alan & Holly Shobe

### **December Birthdays**

12/5 Denise Christensen

12/5 Laura Zweygardt

12/7 Lowell Grauberger

12/11 Carolyn Kleven

12/16 Chloe Lehnerz

12/20 Herb Potthoff

12/21 Delmer Zweygardt

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) = **\$13,948**

November expenses (to date) = **\$7,862**

Checking = **\$27,372**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,203**

Building Fund = **\$80,667**