



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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**SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 303-841-3553.**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THUR., 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – VETERAN'S SUNDAY**

This coming Sunday, November 10, is the Sunday closest to Veteran's Day (November 11). At the beginning of worship, we will recognize and honor all who are serving or have served in our nation's armed forces. The message for this Sunday will relate to the service of our Veterans as we will take up the subject of spiritual warfare and the weapons and armor God gives us to fight the one enemy we all have – Satan. Ephesians 6:10-17 is the biblical text for this Sunday. Also, we will have a special guest for our mission moment as we lift up Operation Christmas Child. Finally, we will say farewell and Godspeed to our accompanist, Stacy Fahrion. Stacy has faithfully and wonderfully served as our accompanist for five years! Please come and wish her well as she moves to a new chapter of her life and career.

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. A brief reception for Stacy follows worship. Intergenerational Sunday School is at 11:00 am and a new member orientation begins at 12:15 pm.

## **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION THIS SUNDAY!**

The rescheduled New Member Orientation is this coming Sunday, November 10 at 12:15 pm at the church. If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of Spirit of Hope (or know of someone who is interested) please come or let that interested person know about this opportunity. Lunch will be served and everyone present has a chance to learn more about the mission, vision, values, beliefs and history of our congregation. Please contact and RSVP to Pastors Dave or Wendy as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **NOVEMBER IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTH**

This November Spirit of Hope is once again participating in Operation Christmas Child! We are collecting small toys, school supplies, and clothing items for needy children all over the world who would not receive any gifts for Christmas. The items are placed in shoe box size containers and shipped with a gospel message. To learn more about what items are needed and what items cannot be accepted visit the following link: [https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/?utm\\_source=Ggl&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=m\\_YGOC-B19V&utm\\_content=OCCHowToPackSitelink&qclid=Cj0KCQiA2ITuBRDkARIsAMK9Q7NoRGKjbwLT1Z9uu4tbyqbL7Ls\\_eNULJxCbjn4Ecq18jdxWdkiDxUwaAm4mEALw\\_wcB](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/?utm_source=Ggl&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=m_YGOC-B19V&utm_content=OCCHowToPackSitelink&qclid=Cj0KCQiA2ITuBRDkARIsAMK9Q7NoRGKjbwLT1Z9uu4tbyqbL7Ls_eNULJxCbjn4Ecq18jdxWdkiDxUwaAm4mEALw_wcB)

During the next three Sundays our mission box in the narthex/lobby will be open for your donations of items for our box packing party on November 24. Also, you can pick up a box from our OCC display in the fellowship area and pack it yourself. This Sunday we will have Diana Plyley from OCC with us to give our mission moment as well as an update on this year's efforts to bless children around the world and share Jesus with them.

## **YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENT FOR NOVEMBER – OCC PACKING PARTY!**

On Sunday, November 24, after Sunday School, youth and family members (kids, parents, grandparents, etc.) are invited to pack donated items in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Last year we packed and collected 70 boxes total. Let's see if we can break that

record! Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Pastor Dave so that we make sure to have enough food. Thank you!

### **SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH – SOCIAL ADVENTURES!**

Great things can happen in smaller groups and doing things we enjoy can expand our perspective on life. Susan Spancers will randomly organize trips/tours/adventures/events and you will be invited to join in the fun! You may drive separately or we may carpool, whatever fits the occasion. *All ages welcome!*

### **HOPEFUL SPIRITS**

The next meeting of the Hopeful Spirits will be on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 at the church.

***SAVE THE DATE! HOPEFUL SPIRITS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA!!!***

### **CHRISMONS THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

What are Chrismons, you ask? Chrismons are special white and gold Christmas ornaments that tell the story of Jesus, including His promise from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Chrismons are also a very special and unique part of our Lutheran heritage! Now that we are in our new church building, we will have a much larger Christmas tree in our sanctuary. As such, we need to make a lot more Chrismons!

**THIS SATURDAY**, November 9th where we will gather to make Chrismons from 9 am - 12:00 noon. This event is not just for ladies and no skills are required! All are welcome and many willing hands are needed. Instructions will be provided. Come and join us for a fun morning of fellowship as we prepare to make our first Advent in our new sanctuary extra special and create beautiful ornaments that will be a part of our congregation's history for generations to come. Please contact Sara Gutknecht for more information.

*If you would like a kit, complete with supplies and instructions, that you would be willing to work on at home, please see Sara Gutknecht or contact Pastor Wendy.*

## **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

On Sunday, November 24, after Sunday School, the Christmas Tree will be erected in our sanctuary and decorated in preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons (Advent begins, Sunday, December 1). All are welcome to help with the set-up and decorating. We have a rather large tree so your help is really needed and appreciated. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Pastor Dave so that we make sure to have enough food! Thank you!

## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS AT SPIRIT OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

November 10 – Veteran's Sunday, New Member Orientation

November 17 – Christ the King Sunday, Reception of New Members

November 24 – Thanksgiving Sunday, OCC Packing Party, Christmas Tree Decorating

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

## **DECEMBER 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 (larsonsco@msn.com) by December 1st.

## **NEW CHURCH PHONE NUMBER**

Spirit of Hope now has a new phone number, 303-841-3553. We encourage you to put this number into your contacts and use it to contact the church office and/or pastors. When no one is in the office, the call will be forwarded to the pastor who is on call so that you don't need to remember which pastor is on call! This is also the number to share with friends, family, or neighbors who might like to speak with a pastor or learn more about Spirit of Hope.

**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](mailto:wendy.poch@spiritofhopelcmc.org). or [pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org](mailto: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  
11/6 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) = \$7,511**

**November expenses (to date) = \$1,317**

**Checking = \$24,882**

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

**Building Fund = \$6,946**

**Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$5,232**