



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Questions, comments or to unsubscribe contact Pastor Dave Fisher at 303-941-0668 or pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org Also visit us on the web at www.spiritofhopelcmc.org.

PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES FOR THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AT 303-941-0668.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – VETERANS DAY

This coming Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church we will honor veterans in some special ways. This Sunday is the actual date of Veterans Day, November 11. It will also be the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. There will be a special veteran's display for worship as well as our normal honoring of those who have served or are serving in the United States military. After service, audio Bible sticks will be distributed to all veterans who requested them. The Praise Band leads singing this Sunday and the text for this Sunday comes from John 15:9-17 where Jesus tells His disciples that no one has greater love than the one who lays down his or her life for friends. Before and after worship the Hopeful Spirits are sponsoring the fall craft and bake sale. All proceeds will go to fund Spirit of Hope mission work. After Sunday School our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing event will take place. Don't miss one minute of this special Sunday at Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church! We meet in the gym in Pine Lane Elementary North (6485 E Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138). Fellowship begins at 9 am. Worship is at 9:30 am and Sunday School classes begin at 10:45 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Here is the current schedule of classes, teachers and topics for Sunday School (10:45am – 12:00pm) on November 11:

Confirmation Class – taught by Pastor Dave. Students will finish learning the basic story of the Bible. This class meets in the art room upstairs.

High School Class – taught by Intern Wendy. We will continue our study called “Life in Six Words” by Dare 2 Share Ministry. This class meets in the gym.

Women’s Study – facilitated by Wendy West. Participants will continue their study called “Family Matters” looking at family dynamics (*both personal and church family*) from the perspective of Genesis 12-50, the gospels, Martin Luther’s Small Catechism and modern family systems theory. This class meets in the innovation lab.

General Adult Study – will be facilitated by Brad Hoyt and will continue the Chip Ingram video-based class call “Balancing Life’s Demands.” This class meets in the band room behind the stage in the gym.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS CRAFT/BAKE SALE

THIS SUNDAY IS THE SUNDAY TO BRING CRAFT ITEMS AND BAKED ITEMS FOR OUR SALE! Items will be for sale before and after the service. All money raised goes to mission funding.

MORE HOPEFUL SPIRIT NEWS!

The Next Hopeful Spirits meeting is November 13 at Sara Gutknecht’s House.

Shopping for Blessing Bags has started!! Hopeful Spirits will be assembling these bags in December. Any donations for the Blessing Bags will be appreciated. We are in need of Chapstick, small bottles of water, winter caps and gloves; but anything that is donated will be gratefully used.

CROSSWAYS THIS WEEK

Crossways Class will meet at the home of Intern Wendy Poch at 7:00 pm this Wednesday, November 7. Please contact Intern Wendy if you would like more information.

IT'S OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX TIME!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection week is November 12-19th this year. This Sunday, November 11, is the last Sunday to bring packed shoeboxes and or items for the shoebox packing party! We will have the missions tub out to collect packing items for the packing party. A donation can will be out for cash donations to cover shipping or checks can also be placed in the offering plate. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PACKING PARTY IS AN ALL CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY EVENT. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN THE FUN!** For more information about packing an Operation Christmas Child shoebox visit the following link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

YOUTH NEWS!

Up Coming Youth Events

November 11: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

December 8 – St. Nicholas Day of Service - Watch future newsletters, GroupMe, and Facebook for details!

MEAN STREET MINISTRY VOLUTNEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our local mission partners at Mean Street Ministry have the following ongoing and upcoming volunteer opportunities available to minister the love of God to the homeless in the Denver area:

Monday and Tuesday Street Ministry - The street ministry is the genesis and heart of Mean Street. On Monday and Tuesday nights (~5:30 – 8:30) volunteers go to the streets and motels to meet those in need. It's an easy and tangible way for you to be the physical hands and feet of Jesus. New volunteers are paired with experienced volunteers to learn how to minister. For more information and to sign up visit: <https://www.meanstreetministry.org/street-ministry>

Christmas on Colfax, Saturday, December 8 – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Volunteers sign up in time blocks to help set up, serve lunch, clean up, distribute gifts and relationally minister with the homeless families who would otherwise not have a Christmas celebration. Mean Street is using SignUp.com (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize this upcoming activity. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to the Mean Street Ministry invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/login/entry/7770091922558000126>
 2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
 3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!
- Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

SOH Christmas On Colfax Gift Bag Assembly – After worship on November 25, everyone at worship is invited to stay and help assemble some of the gifts bags that will be distributed at the event on December 8. Items are provided, all you need to do is help put gift bags together!

A THANK YOU NOTE ***from Intern Wendy***

I would like to take a moment to thank you, my brothers and sisters at Spirit of Hope, for all of the love, prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts you have given to help me and my family as we go through this seminary journey. Through you, God consistently has been providing for our needs, precisely as the need arises, and it leaves me in awe! God has blessed me beyond my measure and He does so through you. Thank you, each of you, for the various ways you have helped me on this journey so far. Many of you have helped without even realizing, perhaps, the many different ways that God is working through you. I am blessed to have the opportunity to study God's Word deeply, to be immersed in theology, and to learn how to be a better servant leader. Each of you is an essential part of this journey and I thank you for helping to give me the opportunity to learn and grow and for walking beside me along the way.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

November 11 – Veteran's Day – The Praise Team leads singing for this special service that will honor our Veterans.

Craft Fair/Bake Sale - Sponsored by our Hopeful Spirits Ministry all proceeds go to fund mission trips and mission support.

OCC Packing Party – Youth and families will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child after Sunday School. Lunch provided!

November 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday and Compassion International

Pie fellowship will follow a Thanksgiving themed worship. During the pie fellowship a chance to write a letter of encouragement to the Operation Christmas Child we sponsor, Monica Ojeda, will be provided. Please bring some pie to share!

November 25 – Christ the King Sunday and Mean Street Support Event – On this Sunday after Thanksgiving we lift up the reality of Jesus being our King! We will also assemble gift bags for Mean Street Ministry’s “Christmas on Colfax” event in December.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please contact Pastoral Intern Wendy Poch at 303-514-5266 or wendy.poch@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 recovery and healing for Susan Spancers' friend Don Harrison from bladder cancer surgery and post-operative treatment

For those recently affected in our nation by senseless acts of terror to have healing and hope

For Sara Diederich who is recovering from her accident that injured her knee and pelvis

For DeDe's sister, Karen Goerler, who is currently in Cherry Creek nursing home for rehab to recover from a compression fracture in her back

For continued recovery for Cherri Lusk as she recovers at home

For the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia as they fundraise to acquire a permanent facility

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 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

October income = **\$18,214**

October expenses = **\$14,217**

November income (to date) = **\$12,036**

November expenses (to date) = **\$700**

Checking = **\$55,970**

Money Market (Reserves) = **\$22,251**

Building Fund = **\$10,564**