



## MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 303-841-3553.**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON. – THURS.; 9 AM – 1 PM**

### **THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HOPEFUL SPIRIT IS TOMORROW!**

The Hopeful Spirits will be meeting TOMORROW, Wednesday, December 11, from 1:30-3:30 pm. We will be packing Blessing Bags for the homeless and having a time of fellowship, sharing Christmas treats, coffee and conversation. Spouses are welcome to join in on the fun!

Any donations this week can be dropped off at the church office.

The Blessing Bags will then be available for church members to pick up this coming Sunday.

### **NEXT MIDWEEK ADVENT FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP IS TOMORROW**

December 11 and 18 are our next Wednesday Advent Fellowship and Worship Services. Fellowship is from 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Worship with Holden Evening Prayer is 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 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 and Pastor Wendy will bring a salad/vegie! Beverages will be provided each night of Advent Fellowship. If you wish to bring a dessert that is always welcome!**

**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 11 – "The Juggler of God"**

**December 18 – "The Tablecloth"**

### **ALL CHURCH ADVENT POTLUCK – THIS SUNDAY, DEC.15, 5 – 8 PM**

**This coming 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.**

### **THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**The season of preparation continues this Sunday, December 15, with the Second Sunday of Advent! Advent comes from the Latin word for "coming" and 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 continue with 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 Shepherds Shared." We will look at passages about shepherds and how the Christmas shepherds shared the good news of Jesus' birth. Also, our Spirit of Hope Choir will offer a Christmas Anthem during worship! Activities begin this Sunday at 9:00 am with Fellowship at our church facility at 7060 Ponderosa Drive, Parker, CO 80138. Worship begins at 9:30 am. Intergenerational Sunday is at 11:00 am.

### **INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY**

The biblical story for this Sunday's Intergenerational Sunday school is from the book of Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream. Daniel 2:26-47 and Luke 20:17-18 are the lessons for this coming Sunday as will look at the themes of Wise Men, Kingdoms and Preparing the Way for Jesus. We meet at 11:00 am in the fellowship area of the church. Pastors Dave and Wendy co-lead the class. 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**

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 THIS SATURDAY, 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](http://www.meanstreetministry.org) and click on the volunteer link.

## **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 12, AT 7:00 PM AT CHURCH!**

**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:**

For healing for Pastor Dave's mother, Janice Fisher, after falling and breaking her hip on Sunday and a partial hip replacement surgery on Monday

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)**

### **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  
12/27 Jack & Jean Huebsch

## **QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**December income (to date) = \$21,093\***

**December expenses (to date) = \$5,457**

**Checking = \$29,806**

**Money Market = \$29,202 (Reserves = \$10,421 Dedicated = \$18,781)**

**Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$21,611**

**\*Reflects \$10,000 gift to Tartu Academy of Theology Home of Hope Project**