



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR WENDY POCH IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 303-841-3553.

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

FINAL MIDWEEK ADVENT FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP IS TOMORROW

December 18 marks our final Wednesday Fellowship and Worship Service for this Advent Season. Fellowship is from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Don't worry about cooking or bringing food this night as dinner is on the pastors! Pastor Dave will provide some pizza and Pastor Wendy will bring a salad/vegie! Beverages will be provided. If you wish to bring a dessert that is always welcome!

Worship with Holden Evening Prayer is at 7:00 pm. A scripture and Christmas themed story will be shared. This week's story is titled "The Tablecloth."

Take a break from all the holiday hustle and bustle to fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and worship the Lord.

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of preparation concludes this Sunday, December 22, with the Fourth 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. This Advent season the Sunday messages have been a series entitled, "God's Christmas Plan." This Sunday the series finishes with the theme of belief. We will look at Matthew 1:18-25 where Joseph learns of Mary's pregnancy and is visited by an angel in a dream and Luke 2:1-5 which tells of the fulfillment of that dream. 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 the Annunciation from Luke 1:26-38. The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to Jesus. We finish our Sunday School program for December with this Advent theme. 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!

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.

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!

DECEMBER SPIRIT OF HOPE SOCIAL

\$5 hamburgers at Tail Gate Restaurant on Monday, December 30th, 2019. Plan to arrive when you can between 4:00 and 6:00. RSVP to Susan Spencers if you plan to attend, I need a number for table size, they do not take reservations.

HOPEFUL SPIRITS NEWS

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Hopeful Spirits Craft and Bake Sale on December 8. The sale was a success as \$503 was raised and will be used for missions and supplies for prayer quilts. Blessing bags are now available! Around 120 blessing bags were assembled last week by the Hopeful Spirits and are now available for members and friends to pick up and distribute. Blessing bags are gallon sized plastic bags that contain water, snacks, toiletries and clothing items for the homeless. When you meet a homeless person bless them by giving them a blessing bag!

NEXT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH!

The next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020. This session is for those interested in learning more about Spirit of Hope and/or who are considering making Spirit of Hope their new church home. The session will run from 11:15 am to noon following worship that day. Please contact Pastor Dave at pastordave@spiritofhopelcmc.org for more information or to RSVP.

YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 10th, 6 pm -9pm High School students and all youth group graduates are invited to bring a favorite game to play! We will enjoy dinner and time to catch up with one another! This event will take place at the church and is being hosted by the West family. Please RSVP to Wendy West by January 8th.

THANK YOU FROM MARION MEDICAL MISSION

You helped create a VERY Merry Christmas for 400,000 people around the world! A Big Christmas "THANK YOU!" Almost 400,000 people in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania received one of 3,140 wells Marion Medical Mission helped build in 2019! Almost 400,000 people know Christians heard of their needs and shared the love of Christ with them! Thank you for being part of this very visible example of faith in action!

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. or 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 recovery for Pastor Dave's mother, Janice Fisher, from her partial hip replacement surgery of last week

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) = \$28,641*

December expenses (to date) = \$8945

Checking = \$33,866

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**