



SPIRIT OF HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 29, 2020

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, January 2, 2021, AT 303-841-3553.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

THIS SUNDAY AT SPIRIT OF HOPE – EPIPHANY SUNDAY

This Sunday at Spirit of Hope we will observe Epiphany Sunday, the Sunday closest to the Epiphany of our Lord (January 6). At the Epiphany, the Magi found the Messiah, Jesus, in Bethlehem and presented Him with treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This Sunday we will also return to reading and preaching through the letter to the Hebrews. Pastor Wendy will preach on Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:1-10. In these passages Jesus is presented as our great and perfect High Priest before God the Father. **IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRES EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME TO MAKE A RESERVATION.**

You can do that by cutting and pasting this link:

<https://sohworshipjanuary3.eventbrite.com> into your browser. The YouTube live-stream link and worship bulletin for those who wish to join us online will be sent later this week. Our intergenerational Sunday School will be in recess until January 10th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION WITH HEALTH GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Sunday School is in recess until January 10th.

COMING IN JANUARY TO SPIRIT OF HOPE

January 6th – PRAYER – A six-week class about the practice of prayer. This class will be offered exclusively online using the Zoom platform. Lesson will be about prayer, how we pray and what prayer means and does for the believer. Classes will be from 7:00 to 8:30 pm each Wednesday until Lent begins.

January 11th – OVERCOMING ANXIETY IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

This class will be offered on Monday mornings (time to be published next week). This class will also be offered exclusively online via Zoom. The topic is coping with the stresses and strains of Covid-19 from a faith and biblical perspective.

January 31st – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Immediately following worship on Sunday, January 31, the annual meeting of Spirit of Hope will be held in the sanctuary and online via Zoom. Reports for the year 2020 and consent or denial of the proposed 2021 general fund budget will be on the agenda. The official notice will be sent in January. The printed reports will be sent at least one week prior to the meeting.

END OF YEAR GIVING MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 30

Please note that any year end giving to Spirit of Hope for the current tax year of 2020 must be deposited in the church's bank account by December 31. If you wish to make a year end contribution PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO DEPOSIT YOUR GIFT BY THE REQUIRED DUE DATE OF DECEMBER 31.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO SPIRIT OF HOPE IN 2020. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN A TREMENDOUS BLESSING TO OUR CONGREGATION IN A MOST DIFFICULT YEAR!

2021 LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER

Once again, the association that Spirit of Hope belongs to, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, is encouraging Three Days of Prayer at the beginning of 2021. Every congregation, member, and pastor of LCMC is invited to join together January 5-7, 2021 for the 9th Annual Three Days of Prayer. The themes for each of the three days are as follows:

Tuesday, January 5: This is a day focused on confession. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.

Wednesday, January 6: This is a day of petition. Pray for your congregation, for the pastors, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday school teachers, for the confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God's redeeming love for all in Christ.

Thursday, January 7: This is a day for vision. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God's vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision.

Please plan now to set aside some time for prayer on each of these three days.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO COVID UPDATE

As of November 20, 2020, Douglas County is now in CODE RED on the Colorado COVID Dial. For Spirit of Hope, this means that Sunday fellowship and communion have been suspended until further notice. Masks are required at all times while in the building (except for worship leaders actively leading worship) as is the keeping of a six-

foot distance between household units. Our pastors and church board are monitoring the situation and may make further adjustments as deemed necessary.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Due to COVID, we are happy to hold new member classes for individual families/households and are happy to schedule them at your convenience. Attending our new member class doesn't mean you have to become a member. But it is a great opportunity to learn about our congregation's history, core beliefs, vision for ministry, and to ask questions about Spirit of Hope, LCMC, or anything else that you've been wondering about! If you would like to schedule a new member class, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Wendy. We would be delighted to meet with you!

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 pastor.dave@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 the Carpenter family as they mourn the loss of Anne's brother, Jay

For Kandy Parsons' mother and Spirit of Hope member, Hazel Kjellsen, who is under hospice care at her assisted living residence in Castle Rock

For the Fisher family as they mourn the passing of Victoria's mother, Anna May Horan, on December 18

For those who are first responders to all emergencies: fire fighters, EMTs and law enforcement

For our nation and Parker community as we deal with the COVID-19 coronavirus situation that the virus will be suppressed, that treatment and the coming vaccine will be effective, that those infected will be healed and that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted,

For states and areas of our nation that have seen increases and spikes in COVID-19 cases for those outbreaks to subside

For our economy and the economies of the world to recover

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, SECORCares, Mean Street Ministry, Apache Youth Ministries, East European Mission Network, Missionary Carrie, Tartu Academy of Theology

For Spirit of Hope mission allies: Marion Medical Mission, 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)

January Birthdays

1/4 Andrew West
1/4 Renee Nefe
1/5 Alan Shobe
1/7 Thane Larson
1/8 Tim Lehnerz
1/10 Kasja Larson
1/17 Sara Gutknecht
1/21 Bea Zwegardt
1/22 Penny & Violet Garrett
1/25 Gregory West
1/30 Delories Admundson
1/31 Melissa Andrews

QUICK SPIRIT OF HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATE

December Income = \$25,288

General Fund Offerings = \$20,165

Debt Reduction Offerings = \$3,150

Dedicated Offerings = \$1,973*

Other Income = \$0

December expenses = \$20,243**

Checking = \$47,591

Money Market = \$23,221 (Reserves = \$10,438 Dedicated = \$12,783)

Loan Interest Escrow Account = \$17,340

Building Money Market = \$16,334

***Includes \$1,800 for Associate Pastor Salary**

****Includes dedicated \$10,000 gift to Tartu Academy of Theology given in November 2020**