



MISSION NEWS from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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SENIOR PASTOR DAVE FISHER IS ON CALL FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT ISSUES THIS COMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 303-841-3553.

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

SPIRIT OF HOPE EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Wednesday Midweek Advent Fellowship and Worship

December 4, 11, 18. Fellowship at 6:00 pm; Worship with Holden Evening Prayer 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 4 – Appetizer Potluck: Bring a favorite appetizer to share

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 4 – "Refugee Christmas"

December 11 – "Coming in Person"

December 18 – "The Tablecloth"

Youth and Family Event – THIS SATURDAY!!!

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 NOTE: RSVPS TO KASJA LARSON (larsonsc@msn.com) OR PASTORS DAVE OR WENDY HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.**

All Church Advent Potluck – Sunday, December 15, 5 – 8 pm

On 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 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of preparation continues this Sunday, December 8, 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 Angel Announced.” We will look at two of the accounts of the angel Gabriel telling the good news of miraculous births from Luke’s gospel. Also, this Sunday before and after worship the Hopeful Spirits craft and bake sale will take place. 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. Intergenerational Sunday is at 11:00 am.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

Our intergenerational Sunday school this coming Sunday will look at common sense wisdom from Proverbs and 1 Corinthians. 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 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 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 5, AT 7:00 PM AT CHURCH!** If you would like to join the choir for this seasonal offering please contact our choir director, Brenda Reinicke, at Brendar4flute@gmail.com.

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:

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)

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

November income = \$15,459

November expenses = \$12,920

December income (to date) = \$6,134

December expenses (to date) = \$1,921

Checking = \$18,383

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

Building Loan Interest Escrow = \$21,611